

## Davies's UCS threat not substantiated

By JOHN KERR, Scottish Correspondent

Mr John Davies's statement on Tuesday that shipowners were at the end of their tether and would soon want to cancel suspended contracts with Upper Clyde Shipbuilders did not stand up to examination yesterday.

Indeed, one owner said his firm was waiting to hear from the Government before making any decision. Representatives of four companies with six ships on which start was suspended by the UCS liquidator, Mr Robert Smith, all denied that they presented an ultimatum to the Government. The Irish Shipping Company in Dublin, with contracts for four ships under suspension, made a similar disclaimer on Tuesday night.

These comments account for the owners of 10 of the 14 ships, valued at about £45 millions, on the old UCS order book. The London agents for the Great Eastern Ship Company of Bombay said yesterday that their contracts for two ships had become null and void when UCS went into liquidation in June. The Cardigan Shipping Company, now Norwegian-owned, was not available for comment.

The reaction of the UCS shop stewards to the statement by Mr Davies, Secretary for Trade and Industry, was that it was "shocking, totally misleading, and amounted to an attempt to blackmail the workers".

Mr James Reid, the shop stewards' spokesman, said in Clydebank that if there was a crisis over immediate orders, the responsibility for keeping the Govan yard going lay with Mr Davies. The Minister could secure the orders necessary for continuity of work simply by lifting a telephone and giving owners Government guarantees.

Mr Davies's statement that owners had lost confidence because of the actions of the men in the yards, could be taken, only as an attempt to blackmail and intimidate not only the workers but also the people of Scotland and the whole trade union movement, Mr Reid said. "Our reaction is that if this is what you want to precipitate a confrontation, we have no alternative but to meet it, and it will be met."

He said workers from Clydebank and all other shipbuilding areas in Britain would hold a demonstration next week at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton.

The clearest denial of pressure by owners on the Government came from J. and C. Harrison Ltd, of London, and its subsidiary Gowland Shipping Ltd, which have two suspended contracts for 25,000-ton bulk carriers awaiting delivery.

A director of the parent company said: "We had a meeting with Mr Nicholas Ridley (Under Secretary of State at the Ministry) on August 27 and we have heard nothing from the department since. We want to hear from the Government and, so far, we have just been waiting."

"So far as Mr Davies's statement on Tuesday is concerned, this does not apply to us. We have not been in touch with them and they have not been in touch with us. Our intention at the moment is to wait until we hear what the Government's proposals are. It is absolutely impossible for us to make a decision until we do."

Mr David Gray, a director of the Lyle Shipbuilding Company, who is also associated with the Hogarth Shipping Company of Glasgow—each firm has two ships on suspended order—said there was no question of any ultimatum to the Government. "We are waiting for an indication or something to happen

## Stormont gets its money back

From Simon Hoggart in Belfast

**S**WEEPING new measures against Ulster rent strikers will be accepted today by the Northern Ireland Parliament. An emergency Bill which was presented in Stormont yesterday allows the Government to deduct debts from all forms of social security payments and to disburse on a person's wages.

The civil disobedience campaign, which involved the non-payment of all rents, rates, and bills to public bodies, has been running for seven weeks. It was launched as a protest against internment by Opposition groups in Northern Ireland, and was

designed to give Catholics a non-violent means of protest. The Government reckons that local authorities have lost more than £400,000 in council house rents alone, a figure which will rise in the next few weeks when rates, electricity, and public service bills are presented. Officials estimate that about 140,000 people living in council houses have been taking part in the campaign.

Under the Bill, the Government will be able to withhold all debts to public bodies from all kinds of social security payments. This will include family allowances,

supplementary benefits, old age pensions, and even farming allowances. On top of this, a small weekly payment will be taken to cover arrears. The Government is banking on the fact that the great majority of the people in the campaign receive some kind of payment from the State.

The Government will make allowance for special family circumstances, and any debtor will be able to appeal against the amount of money being taken, but he will not be able to appeal against the principle of the Act.

The success and extent of the non-payment campaign has been extremely worrying to Ministers. It is thought that some essential services, as well as fringe ones, will have to be cut soon.

As well as debiting State payments, the Government will be able to make attachment orders against wages. The money will be removed by the employer, and if the employer refuses to do this he will have to pay himself. If all else fails, the Government will try to disburse on property.

The attachment of wages will come under the Enforcement of Judgments Office. The office will make application for an order, and the debtor will be given seven days to show why he should not lose part of his wages. When an order is granted it would not be available for public inspection.

The Government has clearly decided that these are the minimum measures which can be taken. Officials stressed yesterday that they were not designed to be punitive, and anyone who was clearly unable to pay would be left off completely or in part.

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## Jenkins pleads for return to integrity

From JOHN TORODE, Labour Correspondent, in Brighton

Mr Roy Jenkins yesterday delivered himself of what could yet come to be regarded as his political testament.

In a coolly delivered and coolly received speech to the Labour conference, the party's deputy leader argued in effect for a return to the spirit of integrity in politics, which he so obviously believed to have been lost in the past decade.

The astonishing thing was that his speech—in theory a reply to the debate on the party's new economic policy—was sufficiently conciliatory to the Left to allow Mr Hugh Scallan and the AUEW to decide that the policy did not include a return to compulsory incomes policy, and so enabled the union to support it.

In turn this means that Mr Harold Wilson, Mr Jenkins—if he is still around—and top union leaders will soon settle down in an attempt to define a new economic strategy for the next "Labour" Government. Inevitably this must include some degree of wage restraint, however well-disguised.

More firmly than ever before Mr Jenkins yesterday played the role of father-figure to the conference. "This Government is in the slough of popular disillusion and discontent. It has lost Bromsgrove and clung on to Macclesfield by the skin of its teeth. But we had our Bromsgroves and our Macclesfields too," he said.

"We do not want the same collapse of popular support soon after we are again in power. That is why we have the authority of a Government and had for the whole working of democracy. We do not want the period in which we live to be remembered as the age of the politics of disillusion. And there is some danger of that."

Having poured this bucket of cold water over the conference, Mr Jenkins continued with his cool prescription for the future. It was quite simply "not just denouncing the sins of our opponents, but putting forward clear positive proposals." He believed that one of the central objectives was to ensure that the next Labour Government would break the pattern of general election victories followed by the disillusionment

and sulky resentment, which was in danger of settling over British politics.

On incomes policy Mr Jenkins gave the Left-wing unions the assurances they desired—assurances which would provide the ground rules for the coming talks.

"It is the NEC's view that nothing in this document implies a return to what prevailed between 1966 and 1967. I say that, but I say more: I have no desire to go over that bit of stony ground again. It produced great dispute within the movement, and its results, while by no means negligible in the context of the intense, short-term difficulties we were facing, were not such as to begin to suggest that we had found the key to a long-term solution. That requires a much closer mutual understanding between the unions at all levels and the political leaders."

The initial line of the executive was that either Mr Jenkins or Mrs Barbara Castle—who both spoke from the platform

rigid, over-valued exchange rate, and a currency which is a national status symbol and not an instrument of economic management."

And in Mrs Castle's phrase: "To put it bluntly, if you have no other choice, it is better to devalue than to deflate."

So Left and Right in the leadership have united behind the new orthodoxy: that the next Labour Government should go for growth and full employment even at the price of the parity of the pound, and that in this context it is reasonable to expect the unions to exercise voluntary wage restraint while the State controls prices.

Put like that it is not surprising that Mr Hugh Scallan has jumped into line behind Mr Jack Jones. Mr Scallan, emphasising the need for "clear understandings," said: "That is why we emphasise free collective bargaining. There has been too much bloodletting, too much acrimony, and too much disillusion—and the trade unions are not blameless in this—with all the harmful effects which accrued in June 1970 for these mistakes to be repeated."

Theologians close to Mr Scallan interpreted these words as meaning that he too was prepared to enter discussions with the Shadow Cabinet, although far from confident about an agreed solution.

Meanwhile, what of Mr Wilson? My impression is that he is genuinely and firmly committed to the need for a planned growth of incomes as part of a planned growth of the economy. And, in the months ahead, he will expect the unions to prove that they can deliver in a disciplined way to the next Labour Government. It will not be enough for the unions to expect all the effort to come from the politicians.



"Quite interesting, actually—a small thing we had printed when we were the Government"

## 10,000 ft limit on Vanguard

By JOHN O'CALLAGHAN

BEA last night restricted the ceiling of its Vanguard fleet to 10,000ft, as a "precautionary measure" while the cause of last Saturday's Belgian crash remains unknown.

The ruling will mean that Vanguard flights to Malta will have to fly round instead of over the Alps. The effects on freighter routes will be greater because they are further afield than passenger routes.

Lower flying enables cabin pressure to be kept at 34½ lb per square inch, compared with the normal 5½. Reducing the pressure indicates that the crash investigators are still very uncertain about what caused the crash, which killed 63 passengers and crew on a flight from London to Austria. A weakening of the structure from pressurisation must have entered their calculations as a remote outside chance—anything surer and the fleet must have been grounded.

Pressure stress caused the Comet crashes in 1952, and when the inquiry into the Comet crash was sitting in 1967, a height restriction was introduced.

The word is that the investigating team in Belgium thinks it has fixed the immediate reason for the crash as "disruption of the flying controls in the rear of the aircraft." What caused the disruption is still unknown, but emphasis is falling

increasingly on some kind of explosion. Forty-four Vanguards were built, of which BEA owns 18. Only one other has crashed, and that also belonged to BEA. It crashed in 1965, killing 36 people, when it tried to land at Heathrow Airport-London at night in fog.

The British Aircraft Corporation, which built the plane, said last night that the reduction in flight ceiling was entirely BEA's decision. The corporation is taking no part in the investigation into the crash.

## Britain rejects UN advice

From HELLA PICK: United Nations, October 6

Britain has rejected the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice that South Africa's mandate over Namibia—South-West Africa—has been ended by a resolution passed earlier in the Security Council.

Instead, Britain is calling "for negotiations with South Africa to safeguard the interests of the people of the area." Britain recognises that the people of Namibia "have an inalienable and absolute right to self-

determination," and has suggested that there should be some form of consultation to determine their wishes, and also that there should be a visit by the United Nations Secretary-General or his representative.

Sir Colin Crowe, Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations, told the Security Council that the Government opposed the world court's opinion on legal grounds, but also felt that it would not serve the interests of the people of Namibia to have "a sterile confrontation" with Pretoria. A policy of dialogue with South Africa would be far more sensible, and Sir Colin called on other UN delegations "to urge the South African Government to enter into the path of negotiations."

The Ambassador agreed that South Africa had introduced into Namibia "the evil policies of apartheid, and had ignored the moral obligations undertaken by them" under the original League of Nations mandate.

The Security Council has been debating the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice for some days. The court, last June, advised, by 13 votes to two that Council resolutions could be legally binding, and had therefore concluded that the resolution passed to revoke the South African mandate, was legally valid. Both the British and the French dissented.

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## Murder charge

A MAN will appear in court today at Carmarthen, charged with the murder of the London businessman Mr Malcolm Heysman, aged 46, nine days ago. Police said last night they were still seeking a second man in connection with Mr Heysman's death at Gwynfe, Carmarthenshire.

## Dartmoor search

Fears that Ann Bellenger, aged 20, of Epsom, Surrey, may have been murdered grew yesterday when she failed to turn up for the start of the autumn term at Durham University. She was last seen on July 23 walking across Dartmoor from a youth hostel at Gidleigh, near Okehampton, where she spent the night.

Detective Superintendent Eric Rundle, who is leading inquiries, said yesterday: "We were naturally hoping that Ann would have turned up today. Now she has failed to do so, we have to consider the possibility that something has happened to her."

## 'See Spain for £1' offer

By ADRIENNE KEITH COHEN, Travel Editor

Winter weekends in Spain for just £1 and four-day holidays at £5 were announced in London yesterday—though only if you are also prepared to put down a £10 non-refundable deposit on a summer holiday departing between April 4 and June 30 next year.

But if, during your sample winter holiday, you decide you do not like the hotel or resort you have booked for the summer, the firm will switch your booking elsewhere.

Mr Sidney Silver, managing director of the company called AS, said that the sample hol-

used to subsidise 1,000 sample holidays, which will be available only through travel agents and will be allocated on the basis of first come, first served.

Departures will be from Gatwick on specified dates between October 31 and February 7, to Majorca, Benidorm, and the Costa del Sol. The sample fares of £10 deposit if they cancel their summer holiday, but they will still have had a winter weekend holiday for £11 or a four-day holiday for £15.

This, Mr Silver insisted, was not a gimmick, but a chance for the public to see for them-

selves the value and standards that his company maintained. Among the turmoil that had surrounded so many holidays this year, the firm had enjoyed a "trouble-free year."

Among the innovations it had introduced were regular photographic bulletins on the state of unfinished hotels; these were sent to travel agents who were free to show them to their customers.

They had also instituted an "instant booking" service for last-minute holidaymakers: the travel agent could issue all the documents immediately, without having to refer to the company.

## 40 years on

E. M. FORSTER's homosexual novel "Maurice," which he revised on and off for more than 40 years, is published today—15 months after his death. Julian Mitchell reviews it on page 15.

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## Vorster says he was misquoted

From STANLEY UYS: Cape Town, October 6

An angry Mr. Vorster today strongly criticised the South African press for quoting him as saying that South African policemen had crossed the Zambian border in pursuit of African guerrillas who had mined a road in the Caprivi Strip this week. The mine killed a white police captain and seriously injured four white constables.

"I did not at any stage say that South African police patrol had crossed the border into Zambia," Mr. Vorster said at the Pretoria congress of his ruling Nationalist Party this morning. Asked specifically in an interview after his statement whether South African policemen in fact had crossed the border into Zambia, Mr. Vorster replied: "I did not say so."

Bemused South African newspapermen are still trying to clear up what has happened. Mr. Vorster has not answered the essential question — whether South African police have crossed the border or plan to do so.

Reuter reported that, in answer to questions by the Johannesburg newspaper Die Vaderland, Mr. Vorster said South African police were still pursuing the guerrillas and it was still not known officially whether the police had actually crossed the border into a neighbouring country.

In his first statement at the congress yesterday, Mr. Vorster said: "It will be remembered that I said last year at this congress that if terrorists came into our territory and attacked our people then we would reserve the right to pursue them wherever they might flee."

"I have said this timeously and in public so that friendly countries can take note of it and understand our motives. No country can allow Communist-trained terrorists to violate its territory and kill or injure its citizens in such a manner and go unpunished."

"This has therefore been done in this case and should the pursuers be attacked they will defend themselves. The responsibility in this case rests squarely on the shoulders of the country which allows its territory to be made available for this sort of aggression."

South African newspapers this morning without exception interpreted this statement as meaning that South African policemen had gone in pursuit of the Zambian guerrillas across the border (it is self-evident that they would pursue guerrillas in the Caprivi strip itself, where the South Africans maintain constant patrols).

The "Rand Daily Mail's" banner headline, "Police cross border," infuriated Mr. Vorster. "I never said that the police crossed the border," he said.

Similarly, he described as "highly irresponsible" and untrue a report in the "Transvaal" official organ of the ruling Nationalist Party in the Transvaal, which said: "South African police shot in Zambia." But Mr. Vorster did not deny specifically that South African police had crossed the Zambian border. He left the question unanswered.

In a leading article this morning, the "Transvaal" (which has Cabinet Ministers on its board) wrote that South Africa had been subjected to provocation and attacks by guerrillas, and that the casualties this week were "the last straw."

"It is not an easy step to cross the borders of a foreign country," said the "Transvaal". "It is a decision that is taken only after careful consideration." The border was crossed to track down the guerrillas who were responsible for the terrible deaths.

## A Nixon nominee annoyed

Los Angeles, October 6  
MRS ROMANA BANUELOS, nominated by President Nixon for the post of United States Treasurer, today blamed political opponents for an immigration service raid on a factory she owns. Thirty-six illegal immigrants were said to have been arrested.

Mrs. Banuelos, who was in the factory in Los Angeles at the time, said the raid was "part of an attempt by Democrats to block my nomination."

She said she didn't know illegal immigrants were employed at the plant, which she runs with her two sons. Mrs. Banuelos is the first Mexican to be named to a high Government post. If her appointment is confirmed, she will succeed Mrs. Dorothy Kabis, who died in July.

Immigration officials said Mrs. Banuelos was asked by letter last August not to employ illegal aliens. Mrs. Banuelos told reporters she had not received the letter. She started in business with a \$165 stall selling Mexican make cakes. She built it up to a \$2 million business.

She also founded the Pan-American Bank of East Los Angeles and set up a scholarship to aid Mexican-American students. — Reuter.

## Belgium fears 'spy mania'

From RICHARD NORTON-TAYLOR: Brussels, Oct. 6

The Belgian Government is acutely embarrassed about the sudden disappearance of Mr. Anatoli Tchekotarev, the Soviet trade official who was first reported missing on Monday. Above all, it does not want to be accused, with Britain, of trying to whip up any kind of spy mania.

Evidence of the Government's attempt to hush the whole matter up was amply demonstrated yesterday when it tried to prevent the Belgian press from publishing any information about the incident. In fact, in this morning's edition, the Flemish newspaper, "De Standaard," announced that Tchekotarev was missing. But in order to have an excuse for publishing the story themselves, Belgian journalists leaked the story to some of their foreign colleagues.

In a short communiqué issued today the Belgian Foreign Ministry stated that it had no knowledge of Mr. Tchekotarev's whereabouts. It denied that he had made any contact either with the Belgian authorities or with the local representatives of the High Commission for Refugees. But the Ministry did acknowledge that the Soviet Embassy had informed the Belgian police on Monday that he had been missing from his home since Sunday afternoon.

The embassy also reported that a blue Scaldia car had been taken from the embassy's parking lot. Mr. Tchekotarev, who is 38, has been in Belgium for a year. He lived in the embassy compound, but his wife and child spent much of their time in the Soviet Union. According to some of his Western contacts, Mr. Tchekotarev's interests extended well beyond the range of normal commercial activities, although he never indicated any intention of seeking political asylum.

The Soviet Embassy today passed Mr. Tchekotarev off as a mere clerk. But his rank was senior to that of Mr. Oleg Lialin, who defected to Britain two weeks ago.

The Belgian Government is at the forefront of NATO's new attempts at détente in Europe. They are unlikely to want a defector on their hands at this moment.

According to today's issue of "Special," Belgium's most serious weekly paper, seven Soviet officials have been charged for spying and expelled from Belgium in the past 10 years. The last was Mr. Boris Savitch, a Scaldia-Volga representative, who was caught 18 months ago receiving information about the Mirage aircraft, parts for which are manufactured in southern Belgium.

## Qantas hoax: 3 charged

Sydney, October 6  
An Englishman was identified in court today as the man who picked up the \$500,000 Australian (£233,000) ransom in the Qantas bomb hoax affair. Police said at an earlier hearing that the man, Peter Macari, a 35-year-old driver, now living in Bondi, Sydney, was originally from Devon.

The general manager of Qantas Airlines, Captain R. J. Ritchie, identified Macari as the man to whom he handed over the money on May 26 after a caller said a bomb had been placed on a Qantas jet bound for Hongkong.

He told the court he deliberately took time placing the two blue suitcases containing the money in a van so he could get a good view of the man.

Macari and James Poynting, aged 28, a barman, also from Bondi, have been charged with demanding money with menaces in a letter received by Captain Ritchie on or about May 26.

Poynting admitted the charge yesterday and was committed for sentence at a later date. A third man, Francis Sorshan, aged 21, a miner of Mount Isa, Queensland, was charged with aiding and counselling Macari to send the demand note.

## Greece to curb press

Athens, October 6  
The Greek Government has watered down a proposed law on the press following strong criticism by journalists here of the original draft.

A Government spokesman said today that a new text, approved by the Cabinet on Tuesday, took into account several amendments proposed by editors and publishers' organisations. The revised law will take effect one month after its publication in the official gazette.

The original text called on both Greek and foreign journalists working in Greece to conform with "Greek-Christian ideals." It also provided for a watchdog council to supervise journalists' private and public activities.

The spokesman said today that the law had been amended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Papadopoulos, and that it was inspired by the United Nations proclamation on the freedom of the press.

An authoritative Government source said that among other provisions, the revised law prohibited newspapers from carrying out editorial work between 9 pm and 4 am on Monday, and that morning newspapers should not on any occasion function editorially after midnight, or afternoon newspapers before 4 am.

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## Spain harder on terrorists

Madrid, October 6  
Spain's military laws have been stiffened to provide the death penalty or prison sentences of up to 30 years for guerrilla and terrorist activities, including kidnappings. Until now these offences have been covered by emergency provisions.

The defence commission of the Cortes last night approved the addition of the articles to the code of military justice. Final approval by a plenary session of the Assembly is only a formality.

Under a Government decree against banditry and terrorism, issued in 1968 with Basque Nationalist extremists very much in mind, such offences are already tried by military courts and carry the death penalty or prison sentences ranging up to 30 years.

The new law makes such arrangements a permanent part of the Spanish military code of justice, instead of an emergency measure. It is in line with a general reinforcement of the regime's legal armoury against its opponents.

Last July the Cortes approved a law empowering the government to slap summary

fines of up to one million pesetas (\$5,000) on its critics. With an alternative of up to three months' detention if they default.

The new articles in the military code are aimed against "organisations or groups whose aim is to attack the unity of the motherland, the integrity of its territories or the institutional order, to disturb the public peace by the provocation of explosions, fires, shipwrecks, derailing (of trains), disturbing communications, blowing up buildings, flooding, or similar acts."

If those belonging to such groups cause death, mutilation or grave injury, they would face the death penalty or 30 years' imprisonment. Similar penalties will fall on those responsible for kidnappings.

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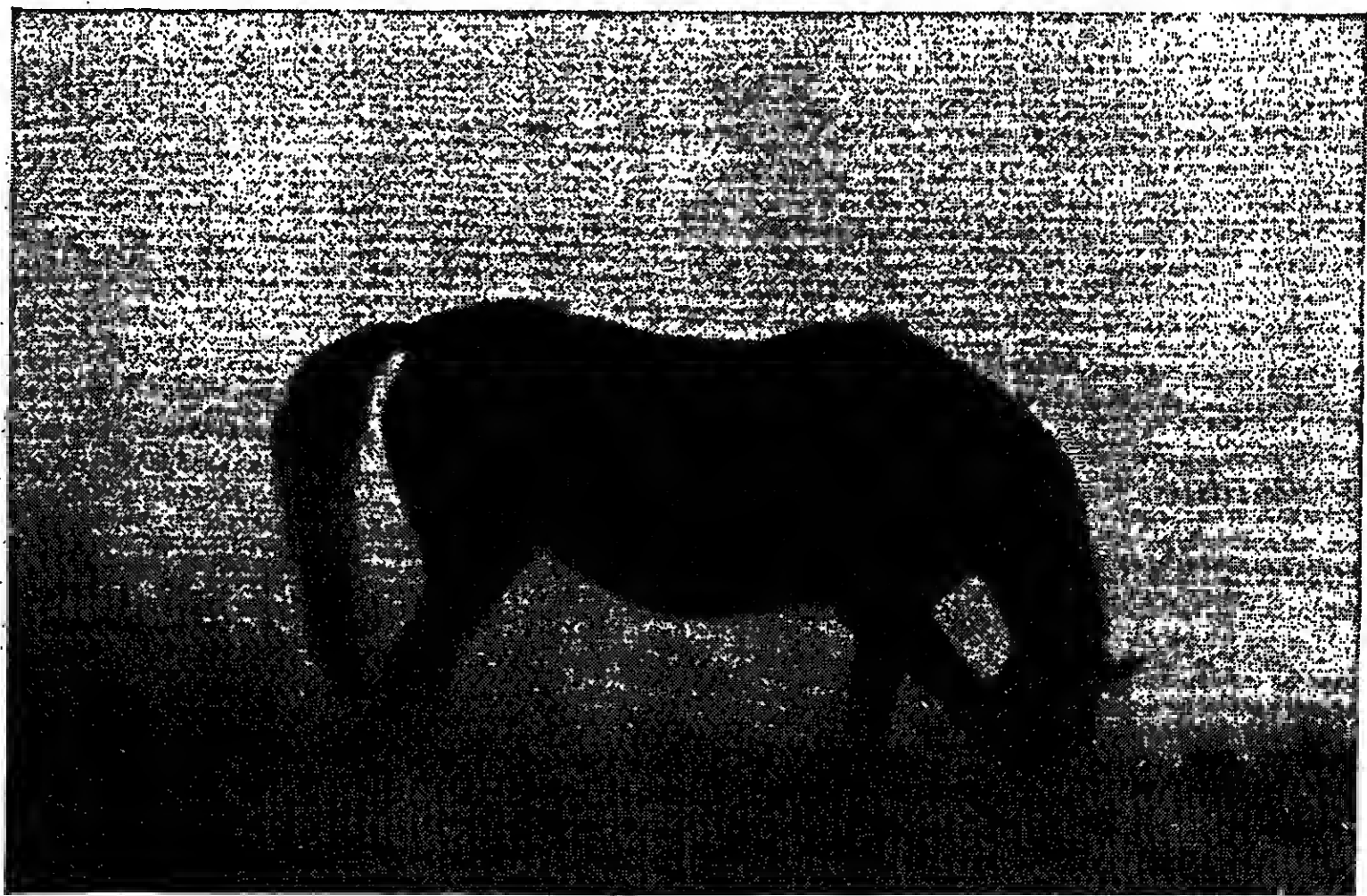
The defence commission of the Cortes last night approved the addition of the articles to the code of military justice. Final approval by a plenary session of the Assembly is only a formality.

Under a Government decree against banditry and terrorism, issued in 1968 with Basque Nationalist extremists very much in mind, such offences are already tried by military courts and carry the death penalty or prison sentences ranging up to 30 years.

The new law makes such arrangements a permanent part of the Spanish military code of justice, instead of an emergency measure. It is in line with a general reinforcement of the regime's legal armoury against its opponents.

Last July the Cortes approved a law empowering the government to slap summary

fines of up to one million pesetas (\$5,000) on its critics. With an alternative of up to three months' detention if they default.













# Outlook good for atomic power stations

By PETER RODGERS, Technology Correspondent

The prospects of getting electricity from nuclear fusion are looking up, according to Sir John Hill, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. A review of the research programme at Culham is coming, and the gradual five-year cut-back announced in 1967 may be reversed.

Introducing the AEA's latest annual report, Sir John said "very good progress is now being made in fusion, and although the problems still to be solved before a fusion reactor can be constructed are formidable, we are in no doubt that work directed to this end should continue to be firmly supported."

## Row led to M3 death

By our Correspondent

A woman, who walked out of her home with her daughter, aged 11, after a domestic squabble, was killed by a vehicle which failed to stop on the M3, an inquest at Basingstoke, Hampshire, was told yesterday.

Mrs Valerie Makepeace, aged 29, a mother of nine who had been receiving treatment for fits of depression, was found lying dead beside the motorway near Basingstoke, by Mr Kenneth Bass of Norwood, Southall, Middlesex. He and his wife had seen a little girl lying in the inside lane. He swerved on to the hard shoulder to avoid hitting her, then saw the crumpled body of a woman.

A Home Office pathologist, Dr Peter Pullar, said Mrs Makepeace died within minutes of multiple injuries.

Pc Trevor Evans told the inquest that he had spotted Mrs Makepeace and her daughter Kim earlier on the A30. He told Mrs Makepeace that it was dangerous to be out on the road at that time of night and offered her a lift—but she just moved off.

A lorry driver, Mr Ernest Williams, of Southampton, said he had asked whether he could help the couple who were wandering in the middle of the road. But Mrs Makepeace paid no attention.

Her husband, Mr Peter Makepeace, said the row which had led to his wife walking out had been nothing more than a "domestic squabble". Kim, who received hospital treatment for shock, was now back home, he added.

The coroner said: "There can be no doubt that Mrs Makepeace was struck by a passing vehicle. We are not able to trace the driver of that vehicle and although there might not be any presumption of guilt on him, I think that if he was aware of this accident he should have stopped and offered assistance."

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

## The way to reduce pollution

Every industrial undertaking which is big enough should have a specialist team studying environmental problems, Mr F. E. Ireland, the chief alkali inspector at the Department of the Environment, said in his annual report, which was published yesterday. These teams, he says, should be headed by senior staff who could insist on environmental protection duties being carried out correctly.

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BLACK-JACKETED young men, police, members of the Underground, and fruit porters fought it out in Covent Garden yesterday. It was a literary press conference, Hells Angels style.

"Buttons"—otherwise 23-year-old Peter Welsh, described as the president of the only Hells Angels Chapter in England, chartered by the original San Francisco Hells Angels—left his Greenwich commune in an old rented house to talk about his biography, published today.

By the end of the proceedings, police vans were taking people to Bow Street police station where five men and four women were later released on bail after being variously charged with assaulting a member of the public, assaulting the police, and obstructing the highway.

It all began as the press conference was breaking up. Angels and porters were exchanging fairly good-natured badinage on the pavements.

The three leaders were with their motor cycles, which had been left on the pavement. When the police inquired why, and asked one Hells Angel to move on, a policeman got pushed. Within seconds, practically everyone was weighing in.

Neither Buttons nor the Chapter secretary, Uncle Nick, nor the Sergeant-at-Arms, called Tramp, were in the fighting. They stood by peacefully while police tried to move the Hells Angels from the pavement.

Buttons himself is not the expected archetype of the Hells Angel. He has a pale round face, a small pink mouth, and a well-trimmed beard, though his hips are like anyone else's thighs. He made his entrance on a noisy motorcycle; forearms bare and wearing a sheepskin hat.

But at the press conference he said the leadership of his Chapter was due to his "understanding."

He was a restrained and diplomatic figure by contrast with Uncle Nick who belched, drank sherry and vodka out of bottles, asked the more attractive girl reporters where they came from, and said: "I believe in the English race, because it is tops." The press conference was held at 43 King Street, an arts laboratory associated with the usually left-wing Underground.

Buttons claimed that the worst insult imaginable was to come face to face with other groups claiming to be real Hells Angels. (There are about 20 groups in England, including the Wolverhampton group.)

The Sergeant-at-Arms said that anyone wearing false death's-head insignia would have it ripped from his back. If they didn't succeed in ripping it from their backs, they would go back and kill them.

The philosophy of Buttons, quoted in his biography, is: "We are prepared to kill, maim, or break anyone who crosses us. Our sole responsibility is to ourselves. To get drunk, doped up, and ride hellbent and carefree as fast and recklessly as we desire down any highway however dangerous."

In practice, according to Angels at the press conference, the mode of life at the Greenwich chapter house is not always at such a dangerous intensity. Men are

# Angels at bottom of the Garden

By Dennis Barker



Buttons, Uncle Nick, and Tramp at the press conference

promiscuous within the group, but tend to look after and support one woman. About half the chapter have outside jobs.

Buttons has a son of three, Michael, at the mention of whose name his voice softens as any other father's might. Does Buttons expect Michael to grow up among the Angels? He does. Does he expect to be still a Hells Angel at 50? Yes, he does, though most are in the early twenties.

Uncle Nick, who with his public school education is regarded as a philosopher of the group, chips in: "As they get older they get wiser. You can have a wise Angel."

Their present wisdom includes fighting other pretenders to Angel exclusivity—not with guns, but only fists, bottles, straps, belts,

wrenches, and iron bars. Buttons, however, claims to have been shot at. He has been detained and bailed, usually for having offensive weapons.

Buttons pronounces himself happy with the biography compiled by an Underground writer, Jamie Mandelkern, under the title "Buttons the Making of a President" (Open Gate Books £2.50, Spax paperback 30p).

Mr Mandelkern reciprocates the feeling up to a point. "The good thing to come of it is that they are coming together as a group, taking care of each other and the fore not being a burden on the rest of us. They are loyal to one another in their lives apart. The only way we would need to be in contact with them would be to approach them."

## Secrets Act 'bad law'

Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, is a "bad piece of legislation upon what should be the legitimate communication of news of public interest," the Press Council says in a memorandum to the Franks Committee released yesterday.

The council proposes that it should be abolished and nothing put in its place.

The committee of inquiry into the operation of Section 2, which was appointed by the Home Secretary, Mr Mandelkern, is under the chairmanship of Lord Franks and is broadly representative of all political parties, broadcasting and the press, and men with long experience on the official side of government.

After suggesting the abolition of the section, the Press Council in its memorandum says that if anything is put in its place, it should be legislation to ensure, with a degree of certainty always lacking in the original section, that matters detrimental to the security of the nation, as opposed to the interests of the Government of the day, were not spread abroad.

That, insofar as it may be possible, what is put in the place of Section 2 should be clearly defined and based upon a far narrower security classification.

The burden of proof that conduct giving rise to a charge under the Act was, or should have been, detrimental to the security of the nation, should be borne by the prosecution; and

That proceedings under any section of the Act should be instituted by the Director of Public Prosecutions rather than the office of the Attorney-General.

The council says that this represents their views after taking into account opinions of a number of newspaper editors and others.

Section 2 was to be condemned because "it is drawn too wide, lacks certainty, is arbitrary and capricious in its application." A national newspaper editor had said that

his defence correspondents breached the Act several times a week, and often several times a day.

Others have declared breaches are "small offences and, moreover, that show no consistency."

"The section casts a shadow of fear over many White departments with the result that officials too readily a legitimate inquirers access information. The public should have the few brave exceptions who find ways of increasing the uncertainty of the Act."

If there must be a substitution for Section 2, the Press Council suggests that it should be done in a way that involved a drastic revision of security classification.

### In peril

The designation of matters as "secret" or "top secret" by someone of no rank than an Under Secretary of State, with declassified reviews at the same time might go some way to ensuring that the new section was only when the security of the nation was genuinely imperilled.

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Section 2 deals with wrongful communication of information by anyone holding a position which gives access to information of a confidential nature. It is also an offence anyone willingly to receive information.

## Postal takeover by IoM

By our Correspondent

The Isle of Man plans to take over its own postal services and one of the first changes will be to replace all stocks of British postage stamps with Manx ones.

The five-man Manx Government committee which has agreed to take over the postal services is a "symbol of our autonomy and distinctive way of life."

Mr Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys and chairman of the committee, said yesterday that an agreement had been reached subject to approval by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, will be asked to sanction the £127,000 deal on October 19.

The committee's financial arguments are persuasive. A profit of £41,000 is forecast for the current financial year, and for £127,000, the Manx Government will acquire Douglas Head Post Office—a prime site just off the sea front—a recently-built sorting office in Douglas, and a sub-post office at Ramsey. The deal also includes a fleet of vehicles, fixtures and fittings.

Then there is the lucrative philatelic market to be exploited. The committee cites a profit of £380,000 achieved by Guernsey in 15 months.

The 150 employees of the island's postal services will be offered the choice of staying with the Post Office or joining the Manx postal service on equal terms and conditions.

Takeover day is planned for July 1, the Manx National Day—in 1973.

### Unfettered

All local councils should be free to spend what they like, subject to certain statutory powers, and be able to decide other matters without reference to the Government, says the Urban District Councils' Association.

## Staff for meals lose out

By our Education Correspondent

The National Union of Public Employees estimates that members who work in the school meals service stand to almost £1 million a year wages as a result of the increase in the price of meals and a consequent loss of custom. The union is carrying out a survey to see whether there has been any pick-up in this term.

In June, the union survey 67 local authorities, employing more than 66,000 school meal staff, or about 30 per cent of the total in England, Wales, and Scotland. Staff reductions were reported by 31 authorities involving 1.3 per cent of total staff covered by survey.

In addition, reductions in hours were reported by authorities covering 13 per cent of the staff. On the basis of the cut-back, the union forecasts a loss of earnings of £900,000 a full year, averaging between £35 and £40 a worker.

More than half of the schools took place in only two authorities, two of which are in the north of England.

Mr Bernard Dix, the union research officer, said: "Most of the staff employed in the school meals service are married women with children; the husbands have low income so they are in a second way earners in families who cash for basic necessities is short supply."

### Pollution cours

A step to try to understand the nature and consequences of environmental pollution began at Leeds University yesterday. The Government says the "British course" in pollution began.

## Driving licences for life on way

One driving licence for life is proposed by the Department of the Environment.

The licensing authority workers could be cut by 350 and cost £1 million less. Change of licence is not one of ours, if he was a nuclear scientist."

Apart from fusion, atomic energy projects were becoming more and more international because of their size and British entry into the Common Market would be a stimulus to this, Sir John said.

The authority itself has been slimmed down dramatically this year to a staff of fewer than 20,000—because of the blivng off at the end of the financial year of more than 9,000 to British Nuclear Fuels and the Radiochemical Centre. These two companies are owned by the Authority, but up to 49 per cent of the shares are likely to be floated on the market next year.

Health hazards from radiation for Authority workers are no greater than the average for Britain as a whole, the report said. It also referred to sterilisation of food by radiation, and said that an application has now been made to clear irradiated meat for general consumption.

The cost of the Authority to the Government last year was £27 million—£1 million less than forecast—after all its other incomes had been counted. These included £76 millions from sales of electricity, nuclear fuel, and isotopes—businesses which showed a net profit of £4.5 millions. Fuel and isotopes will not be in the next accounts because of the hiving off.

The civil research programme cost £58.5 millions, and the estimate for the total drain on the Exchequer this year is £42 millions.

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Human error was probably responsible for an explosion which wrecked a brickworks near Lichfield in July, but the blame could not be put on any one person, Dr William Vickers, said in his annual report, published yesterday. Mr Vickers, chief inspector of the Environment, said that the explosion was caused by a "human error" in the hiving off.

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## JP ruling 'has party bias'

Mr David Stoddart, Labour MP for Swindon, has asked the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, to reconsider the interpretation of a new ruling which will stop some members of local political parties from becoming magistrates.

His request comes after members of the anonymous committees were told that paid and unpaid secretaries and agents of constituency parties would be barred.

In answer to a previous letter from Mr Stoddart, Lord Hailsham said that in the past only full-time paid agents had been barred. He had been asked to clarify the position and had decided that the office of secretary or agent was incompatible with the judicial function, if it was carried on in the constituency where the bench operated.

"They are too vulnerable to pressure in difficult cases and are apt to be too heavily involved in the day-to-day running of a constituency party to carry conviction with the non-political public," Lord Hailsham said.

I have been urged to apply the same rules to those who are engaged in local government activities, but I think this would be an unnecessary extension of the present practice."

The new procedure will not apply to anyone who is already in the restricted categories who is also a JP.

He said there was no question of depriving an individual of

some office or some distinction to which he had a right.

"The effective running of the courts depends upon the courts enjoying the complete confidence of the public, and this confidence would be undermined if there were seen to be persons serving on the bench who are regarded by sections of the public as susceptible to political influence."

In a reply to Lord Hailsham, Mr Stoddart said the policy was discriminatory and untenable and could not be sustained by

reasonable argument. These officers were no more susceptible to political pressure than chairmen or treasurers of constituency associations, and the new rule would discriminate against local Labour parties.

Transport House said yesterday that the chairman of a local Conservative party was often more important to the party than the secretary, and he would not have to resign. But in local Labour politics the secretary was more often the most important person, and he would have to resign.

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## Not good to be old in Britain today

London by the Industrial Society

The Government's proposals on pensions, outlined in the White Paper last month, would "knock the feudalism out of sharp tactical play based on 16... RspP. Fischer refused a draw on move 27 and, with Petrosian acutely short of time, scored with an outside passed pawn. At the end Petrosian resigned.

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By Campbell Page

left for aphorisms to arrive before the GLC's flood defence schemes are completed and the lions become obsolete.

Yesterday, an hour before the highest predicted tide for several years and with the lions looking distinctly thirsty, Mr Black and the press boarded a hired launch at Westminster Pier. It was a little like a practice run for Noah's Ark as reporters and photographers filed aboard two by two.

By 4 p.m., when the high tide was due to reach Westminster, it was quite clear that there had been no sea

surge whipped up by roaring North winds to reinforce the influence of the moon.

In cold figures, the tide at London Bridge was 13.7ft. above sea level or, in the words of a soulless man at the Min. of Ag.: "Exactly the same as on Monday."

This was considerably less than the predicted 14.9ft. and hopelessly short of the 17.4ft. needed for a proper flood.

Sirens were unsounded, hushes were unuttered, and nobody got his feet wet. The GLC's intention in taking to the water was, in

## Fischer loses a game

By LEONARD BARDEN

Bobby Fischer's record series of victories in international chess ended on Tuesday night when he lost the second game of his world title final eliminator against Tigran Petrosian, of the Soviet Union, in 32 moves. Before this game Fischer had won 13 games in succession in the world candidates' matches and 21 in a row against international opponents.

Petrosian beat his American opponent by the world champion Spassky's recommended formula of aiming for obscure complications unsuited to Fischer's classical style. The Russian gambled a queen's side pawn in a sharply-played Grünfeld Defence, but in return secured a powerful centre which left Fischer's king stranded in mid-board and his rooks un-

Fischer counter attacked and queened a passed pawn to win a rook, but then the Russian's final thrust drove Fischer's king into the open board where he was defenceless.

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Fischer won the first game of the match by clever endgame play. Petrosian sprung a prepared opening improvement on move 11 over a game in the Fischer v. Talmanov quarter-final match. Fischer took more than 20 minutes before taking the pawn, but a few moves later Petrosian apparently chickened out of sharp tactical play based on 16... RspP. Fischer refused a draw on move 27 and, with Petrosian acutely short of time, scored with an outside passed pawn. At the end Petrosian resigned.

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# Secrets And ad law

# Not-so-safety car

**National Health contacts denied**

magazine finds serious enemies particularly in after-services. One of seven had not returned for any care at all during the first months of wear, although was essential for fitting properly. When enquired to suggest any schedule terrace visits. Which? " arranged for 50 le to be examined in ersity ophthalmic opics tments on one had lens which would not have ed if they had received r ophthalmic attention. Which? " also discovered differences in the cost of at lenses, and dis tinction among members to different kinds of tal. Lenses fitted by a tal on the NHS cost £28. Large Poughnuttive, and he already had practical experience.

## Guard killed in train crash

A railwayman died and three others were taken to hospital early yesterday after a freight train ran into the back of a second train on the main London to Glasgow line at Bletchley, Dumfriesshire. The dead man was Mr Robert Barbour, aged 57, of Neilson Street, Bellshill, Lanarkshire, who was guard of the second train.

## VD—at nine

A child aged nine has been

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**Ingmar Bergman's  
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in a society in which racial prejudice is rife, that a jury will not have on it persons who start off with prejudice against the defendants because they are black," Mr Macdonald said.

## VD-at nine

A child aged nine has been treated at a Nottingham VD clinic, Dr J. B. Bittner, physician in charge of the city's clinics, said yesterday. The number of under-16s treated had increased enormously in recent years, he told the health committee.

British Leyland is to improve the interiors—and put up the price—of the two sports cars. The MGB is to go up £19 to £1,270-83; and the GT version up £25 to £1,414-38.

The five-year-old marriage of Mr Sean Kenny, the stage designer, to Miss Judy Huxtable, the actress, had irretrievably broken down because of her adultery with the comedian Mr Peter Cook, a London Divorce Court Judge found yesterday. Mr Kenny was granted a decree nisi. His petition was not defended.

Mr. J. McKay, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, said: "We must get rid of the idea that

Ten repatriated bodies, 42 invalids escorted by medical personnel, and 20 trans-continental ambulance cases are among the statistics recorded for July by Europa Emergency Services Ltd, which insures more than 500,000 British visitors to Europe each year.

In addition, 36 people were able to travel home by air unescorted, but required ambulance services for onward travel in Britain, and 33 people needed air tickets for return to Britain.

A further 254 holidaymakers needed assistance on the Continent for "miscellaneous reasons" including loss of money, provision of spare parts for machines, car hire after loss of vehicle, or arrangement of hotel accommodation because tourists became ill.

Mr Neville Whitaker, the director of the RSPCA centre at Heathrow Airport-London, said yesterday: "The leopards were in transit from Bangkok to New York. They were brought here overnight and when we opened the cages we found that they had been fed with live doves. "Two were still alive but badly mauled" he said. "This is an appalling way of feeding animals. We have

Police said later that three men had been charged at Bethnal Green police station with robbery. They would appear in Thames Magistrates Court today. Inquiries were being made to trace a fourth

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# Full employment only basis for Labour unity



Mrs Barbara Castle, who was 60 yesterday, receives flowers from Mr Wilson

The fall of 450,000 in the number of people employed since Labour left office was the real measure of the Conservative Government's capacity to destroy jobs, Mrs Barbara Castle, Shadow Secretary for Employment, said. She was introducing the debate on the National Executive's statement on economic strategy, growth, and unemployment.

The National Executive had given priority to unemployment because the Government had given priority to the creation of it. "It is the one massive achievement of this Government," Mrs Castle said. "It is not what people expected, but it is what they got."

The Government was fond of saying it had a regional policy, that it wanted to narrow the gap between Scotland, Wales, and the North on the one hand and the booming Midlands and prosperous South on the other. "Well, so it has. It is rapidly turning them all into depressed areas. Unemployment under this Government is not only a national problem, it is a regional problem. The highest rise in unemployment last month was in the West Midlands, once the thriving centre of British industry."

The second alarming, new element in the situation was the progressive decline in opportuni-

ties for employment. "Britain's industrial base is shrinking before our eyes. Every day brings its story of new redundancies, not just the big, dramatic ones in the Upper Clyde but a steady erosion of jobs in every corner of this land." Surely, she said, no one doubted that Britain was in the grip of a deep and stubborn depression which the Government's policies showed no sign of alleviating.

What was the answer to this national crisis? Mrs Castle said that Mr Robert Carr had spent 12 months blaming our economic trouble on the trade unions, but he was responsible for the key element in the Government's strategy which was to hold down wages while deliberately pushing prices up—and then blame the workers of the country when they hit back.

"And now, when the damage is done you belatedly admit that the disastrous level of unemployment is due to the fact that this Government has deliberately held down growth."

The Labour Movement had at this time to re-evaluate itself to its old priorities. Full employment had to become the centrepiece of the party's economic policy, and she hoped that no one on the platform would seek to justify the level of unemployment reached in the last month of the Labour Government: 578,000—an unhappy

byproduct of the decision to give priority to achieving a surplus in the balance of payments.

The Tories had hoarded the surplus like misers as an insurance policy against the money they would have to pay to get into Europe. A future Labour Government had to close its ears to the siren voices which claimed that sterling must be preserved whatever the human cost. "To put it bluntly, if you have no other choice it is better to devalue than to defend."

Full employment was the only basis on which the Labour Party could join forces with the trade unions to find a solution to inflation. The ordinary worker knew it was no use bargaining for more wages if his negotiators could not bargain to save his job.

The second point in the policy document, Mrs Castle said, was that no one was trying to revive the prices and incomes policy. A new Labour Government would establish a commission for industry and manpower as the starting point of its anti-inflation policy. It would reintroduce the early warning system of price increases, and would introduce a small prices inspectorate to which the housewife could bring her complaints.

Finally, the policy document said that there must be a return to the social policies of the Labour Government which helped to keep down the level of rents, rates, food and fares. "What is more, the Tories have to ask for wage restraint when they have deliberately forced up the cost of every essential item of working class expenditure." She warned the conference that Value Added Tax was still to come. "When it is introduced, it will make SET look like paradise lost."

The Common Market would heighten the need for public ownership by weakening the Industrial Development Certificate scheme, and the only answer would be a massive rescue operation by public enterprise. "So what are we in the Labour Movement so shy about? Why do we not demand that our nationalised industries diversify their activities, using some of those extensive manufacturing powers given to them by the Labour Government?"

There was the possibility of taking over individual companies. Instead of whole industries, and the setting up of a State holding company to operate them. "The machinery can be created if we have the will, and unless we have the will to give our people a new economic destiny we cannot expect to get from them the sophisticated response to the sophisticated economic problems of today that we spend so much time asking for."

They said that the owner-occupied takeover care of his house because it is his own property. Right then, let us make more workers the owner-occupiers of their own industries."

Mrs Castle, who was 60 yesterday, said earlier:

"If anyone thinks I have entered the political retirement stakes, they have another thing coming. I have not entered them for one simple reason. The problem of unemployment with which we shall be dealing this morning is even older than I am. It is as old as capitalism itself."

## Incomes

Earlier in the debate, Mrs Celia Fletcher (Mitham and Malden Constituency Labour Party) moved a composite motion calling for the formulation of a prices and incomes policy in conjunction with the trade unions. Such a policy, she said, was essential if Labour was going to convince the electorate that it meant business, and had learnt from its mistakes.

Mr R. Green (Newbury CLP), seconding, called for a saner, more just, and kinder Britain. He said that if it was that simple, a Labour Government could have earned less than one-fifth of that.

He called for a planned economy in which the means of production were used for the benefit of all and were the responsibility of the whole community, with prices controlled. The formulation of such a policy might need a long and bitter debate, but agreement had to be reached. The issue could not be avoided.

Mr Hugh Scanlon (Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers) moved a further composite motion calling for an economic policy which included cuts in expenditure on arms, control of exports and imports of capital, selective controls of imports, the liquidation of sufficient stock holdings abroad, the raising of foreign debts, the raising of consumption by increases in wages based on free, collective bargaining, more expeditious bargaining, more expeditious on the social services, the rejection of a Government-controlled incomes policy, and the extension of public ownership under a new Ministry.

He emphasised the priority that had to be given to unemployment. "That is why our executive supports the magnificent struggle of the UCS boys, who are putting into practice our demand for the right to work," he said. Unemployment would not be solved by the "slobering commiseration of Ministers," which could not mask the social brutality of the policies.

He challenged the idea that

the lowest unit labour costs were found in industries with the lowest wages. They were in fact found in high productivity industries with high wages and strong unions. All this, however, was small consolation to the millions of workers who were now suffering the same despair and degradation as had been suffered in the thirties.

Unemployment, high rents and prices, preparations for the Common Market, and anti-union legislation were blowing skyhigh the idyllic dreams of private enterprise. The workers were now looking to Labour for alternatives.

Mr Scanlon said that the Government and the pro-Market forces were at pains to point to the "German miracle" of economic growth and competitiveness. Yet they always failed to explain that 1937 millions a year was diverted into German industrial investment "precisely because the British taxpayer is paying that amount to keep our troops on German soil."

Mr Wilson's appeal for unity

## Hived-off assets will be taken back

Public assets sold to private business by the Conservative Government should be renationalised without compensation by a Labour Government, the conference decided at the end of its debate on public ownership, shipbuilding, and regional development. The conference also called on the National Executive Council to set up a committee from all sections of the party to prepare a policy for future public ownership.

The conference also declared its rejection of the Conservative policy in respect of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, and demanded that a future Labour Government should nationalise the shipbuilding industry.

The resolution on regional development condemned the action of the Government in withdrawing investment grants from the regions, and called for the extension of development area status to other areas of high unemployment, including the South Yorkshire coalfields and North Lancashire.

Summing up at the end of the debate, Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Minister of Technology in the last Government, said the power generated by technology was too great to be controlled by a Government. The more rapid the technical change, the greater the need to protect the people. The people must be unleashed to control it themselves.

"If you want to have the confidence of the people, you must have confidence in the people. The movement, if it wanted democracy to survive, must be prepared to push for it to be extended to industry."

It was no use the party making promises if it did not know if it could rely on the movement to go along with it. If the only role of the movement was to elect MPs, the party could never generate the energy that was required to carry out the party's policies.

Unemployment, until recently, had been a regional problem, but now it was a national problem. Within the regions, unemployment had become catastrophic, and it was right for the conference to call for special aid to the regions.

Claims by management in public ownership, denying the right of workers to influence policy decisions, were as offensive to the party as they were when they came from private industry.

Mr Benn said he did not think any Tory Minister had demonstrated as much arrogance as Mr John Davis in his statement on Tuesday indicating the workers out of work if they did not accept the Government's plans.

Mr Sidney Weighall, assistant secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, opened the afternoon session with a motion condemning the hiving off by the Government of parts of the public sector, and declaring that a future Labour Government would completely renationalise without compensation.

He said that members of his union would not cooperate with

any private owner who took over a subsidiary of British Rail. "They can expect a rough ride from us," he said. "If that sounds like intimidation, then that is exactly what it is about."

By what authority was the Government planning to carry out this action? he asked. Where in its policy document

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fundamentally different from Bow Group Conservatives, who talked of norms, and wielded their albatross rules in Whitehall. Paper norms that did not distinguish between good and bad working conditions were never going to be effective.

There must be cooperation by the trade union movement in this inflationary situation, but it could be achieved only if priority was given to getting a transfer of power and wealth in the community.

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical, and Managerial Staffs, moved a motion demanding a return to industrial and economic expansion coupled with a radical extension of the employment services of the State to those seeking fresh or alternative employment. He claimed that the rise in imports from countries where cheap labour was exploited was contributing to the problem of unemployment.

He insisted that not enough was being done "in this work-

ing class country" for the worker at his place of work. He accused Mrs Castle of complacency. It had taken six years of Labour Government to get a new consultative document about how people could find and change jobs.

He found it appalling that people who had lost their jobs should have to learn on a public counter to talk about unemployment benefit and a new job at the same time. They must get rid of this "cattle-herding" of the working class. An unemployed man should be treated as a man with a problem to be seen in privacy.

Mr Bob Cairns (Edinburgh Central) said that Scotland had almost become a ghost town. The daily totals of new redundancies were in the thousands. They also hit new technological industries such as electronics which were thought to be going to revitalise the economy but which were disappearing "like snow off a dyke."

He moved a motion deploring the effect of the Government's deliberate use of increased unemployment particularly in Scotland, Wales, and certain regions of England. It called for the Government to be pressed to take action to reduce unemployment—for example, to approve a steel complex for Hunterston, Ayrshire.

Mr Michael Gordon (West Renfrewshire CLP), seconding, said that 25,000 jobs were now at stake in the steel industry in Scotland. Only one major centre was left. Hunterston was an ideal site for a steel complex, with deep water and little need for dredging.

[He was interrupted by Mr Mikardo, the conference chairman, just before 11 o'clock. The police, he said, had just had a telephone call that 15 lb of gelignite, timed to go off very shortly, had been placed in the building. He asked the delegates to leave and return at 11.30.]

Mr Ray Apse (Brighton Kemptown) condemned the motions debated as being inadequate. It looked as though nothing had been learned from Labour's six years of office. If the policies being recommended were adopted, it would lead to an even greater crisis than in 1970.

Mr Terry Davis, the successful Labour candidate in the recent Bromsgrove by-election, forecast that the Labour Party would roll up other by-election victories because of the failure of Conservative policies.

The three composite motions from the AUEW, ASTMS, and the Edinburgh Central CLP were carried.

## Shipyard workers had been for 10 or 20 years "the whipping boys of the TV boys and so-called informed commentators," who poked fun at demarcation disputes and "chalk-line disputes," but, he said, "these differences have largely been ironed out, and these facts given little attention by TV and the national press."

Private enterprise had already got the industry into difficulties by 1965, the time of the Geddes report, by not admitting the decline of passenger ships and not switching to tankers, standard ships, and container ships.

Mrs Ann Taylor (Colne Valley CLP) moved a motion condemning the Government's withdrawal of direct aid to industry in the regions. It urged a special Labour Party study to formulate proposals on industrial planning and regional policy with particular attention to extending full development status to areas of high unemployment, and the setting up of publicly owned, worker-controlled industries in the development areas.

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Post Office Workers' Union, said it was important for the movement not to make the same mistake twice in the same year. He urged all members to contribute to the UCS worker's fund.

If financial support was not forthcoming, the Government would sit back until the UCS workers were in the same situation as the postmen earlier in the year. But the UCS men instead of being forced to return to work, would find they had been forced out of their jobs.

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## First duty—to expose the Conservatives

Labour, in Opposition, had two principal tasks. The first was to expose the "contemptible performance" of the present Government, and the second—more important—was to formulate its own practical policies, Mr Roy Jenkins, Deputy Leader of the party, said in his reply to the debate on economic policy and unemployment.

The Government's record was the most subject and deliberate betrayal of election promises in modern British history. It made Stanley Baldwin's about-turn on Abyssinia in 1935 look like an outstanding act of honest statesmanship.

The fraud on prices hardly needed further exposure. The record on unemployment was in some ways even worse. Registered unemployment had increased by more than 350,000 in the past 15 months, and was 55 per cent higher than when Labour left office. But several hundred thousand had also left employment without registering. The number of jobs lost during this period was more like 600,000, and the number of vacancies had halved.

"There are now seven people in the country looking for every available job. In Wales and the West Midlands it is the worst they have known for decades. Nine men searching for every job. In North Wales, it is 15. In the northern region, it is 15. In Scotland, it is 21."

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## 'Perverting'

Glasgow had a rate of 10.6 per cent male unemployment, and this was the setting in which the Government was trying to perform its surgical operations on UCS. Unemployment was now a most menacing national problem, and it was the direct responsibility of the Government. The Tories had perverted the whole purpose of the 1970 balance of payments surplus, which was to act as a springboard for sustained and rapid growth.

To correct the present situation would require the most determined regional policy and all the resources that could be put behind the National Labour Board proposed in the executive's policy statement. It would require more intensive and effective training facilities and, above all, sustained industrial expansion. Labour would give unemployment central priority.

Labour's policies needed a great deal of detail, but this did not mean that Labour could not form a Government and greatly improve the country's condition. The mere avoidance of Mr Heath's doctrinaire mistakes would see to that, but what Labour had to do was to cure the deficiencies which had been in society for a long time.

"This Government is in the slough of popular disillusion and discontent. It has lost Bromsgrove and clung on to Macclesfield by the skin of its teeth. But we had our Bromsgroves. And our Macclesfields too. We do not want the same collapse of popular support soon after we are again in power. That is bad for the authority of a Government, and bad for the whole working of democracy."

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But Labour wanted more from economic policy than the Tories did. "We want a Britain which, while no longer a dominating power, none the less captures the imagination of others by its pattern of humane civilisation and its sense of responsibility for the world outside our relatively cosy island. We want to make a reality of our traditional idealism. We will never wholly succeed, but we will not succeed at all unless we keep our sights high."

"We do not want the period in which we live to be remembered as the age of the politics of disillusion. There is some danger of that. In the past 10

years or so, perhaps to a greater extent than ever before, under the Tories and under us, Governments have been humiliated in by-elections. The electorate has expected more than was delivered. They have withdrawn their support almost as soon as they gave it.

Now this has not always happened. It did not happen under the Attlee Government. That Government, in its first determined Parliament, ran for five years and never lost a by-election, and



IN THE OPENING scene of *The Touch* (Prince Charles, X), an attractive middle-aged woman stares mutely at the face of her mother, who has just died in hospital before she could arrive. The way Bergman handles this, one of his rare pre-credit sequences, invests it with a sense of shock and desolation that is incredible considering the fact that we know nothing whatsoever about either of them. So when one says that the film is about the breaking up of this woman's marriage through the agency of a visiting American archaeologist, no one should expect any conventional, sensitively handled triangular encounter.

It is perhaps not one of the Swedish director's great works. But for three parts of the way it rivets the attention, not least because he has secured from Bibi Andersson a performance that is superb even by her exalted standards. It is a portrait of a woman who has reached a moment in her outwardly well-ordered life when one flicker of uncertainty—her attraction for someone other than her nice, hardworking husband—unleashes a fire which, bit by bit, consumes her whole personality. She no longer knows who or what she is, in a world she can hardly any longer recognise.

Yet the extraordinary thing about the film is that for much of the way we are made aware not of her at all but of the neurotic failings of her lover who moves through impotence to rape in a desperate attempt to establish some kind of equal relationship. It is bad luck on Elliott Gould that he has to play against Miss Andersson on the one hand and Max Von Sydow on the other. He has been heavily criticised for his timidity, even though this version, with Andersson and Von Sydow speaking English, might be thought to give him something of an edge. Yet after initial uncertainties that are quite glaring, he does in fact hold his own. If he is not as inherently believable as they are it is because he is not asked to be.

It is possibly when the woman finds herself at the point of no return, rejected by her husband and unable to live with her lover because of a mysterious relationship elsewhere, that the film starts to lose its grip. It has told us so well about an ordinary woman in the grip of unordinary emotions that her inevitable indecision, once stated, quickly loses its power to fascinate. There is also a dreadful moment when the film's (careful) lack of metaphorical weight is suddenly compounded as the archaeologist finds a long-lost statue of the Madonna and, in restoring it, awakens the insects that will destroy it from within.

But such almost ridiculously Bergmanesque metaphors are rare, and even the last sequences can be forgiven in the light shed by Miss Andersson's peerless performance, quietly matched step by step by Von Sydow, a giant of an actor in his own right. Though you can have a certain amount of fun recognising the direc-

tor's reworking of old themes and earlier characterisations what she makes seem more valuable is the way Bergman shows us how easy it is to prick the comfortable bubble of contemporary bourgeois existence. We are, he says, on a knife-edge. It takes the merest touch to tip us over.

The surprise of the week is unquestionably Alan Pakula's sharply imaginative *Klute* (Warner West End, X). Pakula, who worked with Robert Mulligan for years before making the ill-fated but not inconsiderable "Pookie" on his own, is clearly someone to be reckoned with. I think he intended to make a thriller but instead has achieved a first-class psychological tour de force which casts Jane Fonda as a call-girl who falls for the glum private detective (Donald Sutherland) sent to investigate the disappearance of one of her kinkier clients.

The girl, highly successful at her art and craft, but trying to kick the habit in favour of acting, bitterly resents the way she is drawn to the detective, preferring "the comfort of being numb." Gradually she grows dependent upon him—as he is on her in order to solve the mystery. Eventually, and rather cleverly, it is solved. But much the most important facet of the film is its illumination of the relationship between the two.

This is done with remarkably little dialogue but with a tremendous sense of tension and atmosphere, as the two circle suspiciously round each other, probing motives. Fonda, in particular, has never been better if only because she has never had a part which catches so well her spiky and aggressive vulnerability. She manages, without a hint of prurience by the way, to show what it must be like to do what society regards as an evil thing so well that coming clean becomes a kind of martyrdom.

There is a superb scene in a hotel room where she persuades a customer that it is he, not her, who is dispensing the sexual favours, and a very moving

New films reviewed by DEREK MALCOLM

## One touch of Venus

ABOVE: ROEG'S "WALKABOUT"; BELOW: JANE FONDA IN "KLUDE"



one when she indulges an old man who only wants to see her body. Above all, her hesitant awareness that she can actually be loved for something other than her sex is achieved with an intelligence that speaks volumes for script and direction as well as the couple's acting.

We are constantly being told that romance is on the way back and almost as constantly being fed with films of no great quality that are clearly intended to climb on what their makers conceive to be that particular handwagon. Nicholas Roeg's *Walkabout* (Rialto, AA) has not been made with that sort of half-baked cynicism at all. But its "back to nature" message is nevertheless more than a little naive and, good as it looks, I find it difficult to take the film very seriously as a statement. It is, in fact, a very superior example of high romanticism.

A man drives his 14-year-old daughter and six-year-old son into the Australian desert and commits suicide. The two wander off helplessly, trying to find their way back to Adelaide. They meet an Aboriginal boy on his walkabout, a tough initiation into adulthood which requires him to live alone off the land. He takes them along with him on a sort of hunting, shooting and fishing idyll which ends sadly when the girl ignores his mating dance as her brother stumbles onto the road back home.

Lovely photography, crisp if somewhat heavily symbolic editing, a real sense of place and space—all this and some charming playing from Jenny Agutter, David Gumpili and Lucien Lash—doesn't really convince that the director is saying anything fresh about the horrors of civilisation and the purity of the simple life. Are we really supposed to undress and rush into the nearest desert? I say this in a somewhat mocking tone because there is a curious vacuum at the centre of the film, something perhaps to do with the filminess of the characterisation beside which the earth, the sky, the insects

and the animals seem much more substantial.

John Barry's rather soupy score doesn't help Edward Bond's dialogue to bite—a little more from Stockhausen's "Hymnen" might have done so—but there is always this feeling that Roeg, the cameraman for "Fahrenheit 451" and "Far from the Madding Crowd" has a positive and original talent hurtling to be developed. I must just add that in spite of an unfortunate recurrence of the word "knot" in awkward places, the film resembles nothing so much as "Mary Poppins" all over again.

There's a nice animated animal foot ball game and a good trick photography sequence when the Jerries are repelled by the armour of ancient battle divisions summoned up by a spell. Otherwise much middling singing and dancing, including a deliciously dreadful bit of tating about in ye olde Portello Road. David Tomlinson does his English Fred MacMurray act rather well, Miss Lansbury is as watchable as always and the children aren't too awful. It'll take a mint of money, but not mine.

The Deserter (Plaza, X) is a violent, efficient Burt Kennedy spaghetti Western which stars the incredibly wooden Bekim Fehmiu as a deserter recruited by the US Cavalry to teach them how to fight Apaches properly. The mechanics of the blood-spattered adventure which succeeds in wiping out the marauding tribe are fine. Otherwise only John Huston as a testy general breathes any life into the lines. As for any question of morality, the whole thing is unspeakable.

An enthusiastic reader, recognising a cult film when he sees one, has pointed out that there was no Guardian review of *The Abominable Dr Phibes*, now going the rounds in London. It is chiefly to be remembered for some very presentable art-deco work rather than any distinction of direction from Robert Fuest. The story has a glimmer of originality, which Vincent Price as Phibes latches on to as well as he can. But it strikes me that Harry Kume's "Daughter of Darkness" is a much better prospect if you want to get away from the horrors. And then there's one from Hammer at the New Victoria called *Hands of the Ripper*, with Eric Porter trying to help the Ripper's daughter steady herself up, which hasn't been shown to the critics at all. Surprising, since Porter is rather good and Peter Sarsy directs with a flair not usually encountered from this stable nowadays.

### TELEVISION

Nancy Banks-Smith

### Chay Blyth

WHAT do people do in their homes from, say, 7.0 to 9.0? I know what I do but what other people get up to is a mystery and a question mark. Because the minute you knock on the door they will stop doing it. Naturally. What does television think we do that they show nothing till 9.0? Nothing, lightly disguised, of course, as panel games, or dear old films, jolly old films. Tuesday resounds to the sound of channels hanging away at each other's old films like conkers. Or chestnuts to be precise.

The commentary of "One Man Alone" (Yorkshire), documentary of Chay Blyth's wilderness circumnavigation of the world really was a tape recording. Blyth talked to the tape wholly uninhibited by how-it-should-be-done and therefore doing it delightfully. From his "I'm off, tatty-hye, to his "that's the end, Anthony, there isn't any bloody more" (Anthony Thomas was the director). It was a great, juicy slice of Blyth on the bone. You could taste him.

He talks of a feeling of purity and saving one's soul at sea, then immediately adds "I'm getting giddy, watching this thing go round and round." He gets angry quite often, he laughs a lot too. He is exhilarated then depressed. Up and down like the boat. Like the commentary. It was not newscaster-smooth nor fluent nor clever. He says himself he sounds "a comic strip of something." But it was one man talking, not any other man in the world, it had personality as individual and unmistakable as a fingerprint.

### FESTIVAL HALL

Hugo Cole

### Giulini, CSO

GIULINI is principal guest conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, which suggests a relationship of some intimacy; but Tuesday's opening performance of Mozart's E-flat symphony reminded me of unhappy occasions when a young conductor has come along with his own ideas and the orchestra has decided to play the work as they have always played it. Giulini's gestures eloquently suggested the sort of performance he would have liked and which he has in the past obtained from our own fairly conservative New Philharmonia. The Chicago players did not respond, giving a solid, opaque version, in which inner parts were far too obtrusive. In Mozart, efficiency alone is certainly not enough, and one began to wonder if the orchestra had left its soul in America.

In Ravel's "Rhapsodie Espagnole," the transformation was complete—and not due, certainly, to the mass of extra players who filled the platform, but to music in which conductor and players could work towards a common goal. In Ravel's orchestration, however complex and original (and there are times when he makes Stravinsky and Debussy seem like primitives) the end in view is never in doubt. It may be next to impossible to achieve, but you know when it has been achieved; and

### review



Giulini: Festival Hall

the Chicago orchestra came very near to an ideal performance—luminous, sharp, and with the occasional blaze-out most thrillingly handled.

In Beethoven's 7th symphony too the orchestra lived up to its reputation. Wonderful and unusual to hear strings with the vigour and intensity to stand up to the fortissimo top Es of trumpets and horns (for once doubled horns were not too much). The orchestra went with Giulini in his passionate and impulsive interpretation.

### NEWCASTLE FESTIVAL

William Varley

### Victorian Art

VICTORIAN ART is alive and well and living at the Festival in one of the galleries of the Laing Art Gallery is an exhibition of work by Dante Gabriel Rossetti and in the adjoining gallery work by John Frederick Lewis. Up until a couple of years ago I don't think I had seen a Lewis. I then saw his water-colour study for "Easter Day at Rome," a minutely detailed painting with an opera buffa cast of characters set in studio-pose attitudes. It was beautifully painted, though, and the detail was unified by almost abstracted passages of cast shadow. The present exhibition at the Laing, the first to be wholly devoted to Lewis, valuably extends our appreciation of his work. He was born in 1805, the son of Frederick Christian Lewis the engraver, in the same house as Landseer and like Landseer, showed himself to be precociously gifted as a painter of animals. After a successful visit to Spain, after which he became known as "Spanish Lewis" he spent ten years in Cairo living as an oriental pasha. Ruskin who admired his "moun-

tainous power" included him in his pamphlet on Pre-Raphaelitism while other Pre-Raphaelites and their associates supported him with their friendship. One can see why. His lavish technical skill enabled him to depict and organise masses of rich and minute detail with great virtuosity.

In painting after painting, "Intercepted Correspondence" for example, he sieves light through filigree screens complicating the pattern of rich garments and tiles with the flickering traceries of cast shadows. Often enough these are highly calculated, sometimes too highly complicated, studio "machines" with the same stock models recomposed.

One of his finest, in fact, and in the Laing's own collection, is a less showy painting of a languidly reclining girl teasing a cat, while her servant, her head reflected in a mirror, waits patiently on her right. It's an intimate painting, more South Kensington than Cairo and quite without the voluptuousness that, say, Delacroix would have given a similar subject. Lewis in fact appears very much as a product of the Victorian taste for the exotic, that same syndrome which ultimately accommodated both Lawrence of Arabia and Khartoum cafes. An interesting painter nevertheless.

### CAMBRIDGE

Michael Grosvenor Myer

### Julius Caesar

JONATHAN MILLER'S annual playing of Shakespeare, this year Shakespeare week, the keenness with which one looks forward to Dr Miller's productions at the Arts, Cambridge, for the Oxford and Cambridge Shakespeare Company, is always mixed with appre-

hension. Will his polymathic erudition swamp the play?

Everything in his "Julius Caesar" is stylised. Most of the characters are dressed in Commedia dell'Arte tights and caps and rudimentary togas. Caesar, though, appears as a pompous cigar-smoking Edwardian, Pantaloon to everyone else. Harlequin. To underline the political nature of the play, "Corriere della Sera," "Who's Who," and a Government white paper all make their appearance. Poses are struck, gestures are conventional. There is much use of set-piece mime, in the assassination, the forum scene, the battle. The mob are masked and faceless, their lines changed to a mere wordless mumbling. Scenery is minimal, props non-existent. It goes almost without saying that the first scene is cut.

The effect is oddly old-fashioned. The overall impression is one of those 1930s Kurt Joos mime plays on to which Shakespeare's lines have been superimposed as an afterthought. This is a shame as the admirable verse speaking is the production's main strength. When the words do get the upper hand, as in the masterly quarrel between Brutus and Cassius, one gets an occasional glimpse of what this cast might have made of the play.

### HAMPSTEAD

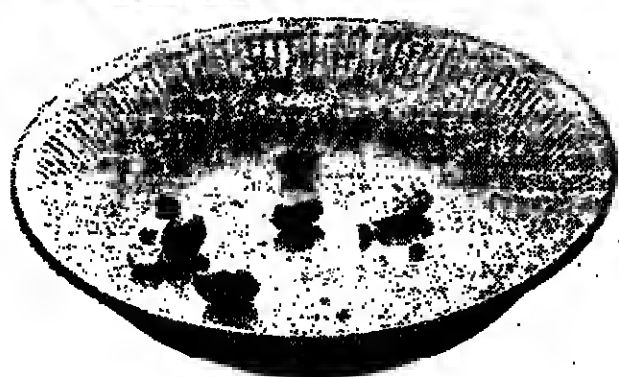
Michael Billington

### Women's Libby

"NO BRAS ARE GOING to be burnt here tonight," announces Libby Morris at the start of her new late-hour, one-woman show, "Women's Libby" at Hampstead Theatre Club. And sure enough this discourse, cabaret-style examination of the male-female relationship comes down squarely on the side of convention; indeed Betty Friedman and Germaine Greer would probably turn purple if they could hear Miss Morris quoting Kate's submissive final speech from "The Taming of the Shrew" ("And place your hands below your husband's foot") as her expression of the ideal female posture.

But even if Libby Morris is no crusading militant, she is still an extraordinarily talented entertainer. Cast in the Martha Raye-Betty Hutton mould, she has the rare capacity to be funny without sacrificing her sex-appeal and to suggest an alert comic intelligence behind everything she does. Thus her famous scat rendering of "Tea For Two" mercilessly exposes the banality of the lyrics with their curious insistence on the baker of sugarcoats; her impersonation of Bette Davis, all clipped consonants and brutal exclamations of cigarette-smoke, singling out the banal "With some of the patter exercised this would be an ideal late-night show."

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## To defeat the disillusion

In black moments the British electorate may think it is offered a choice between a party which makes large promises and then invites it to stand on its own feet and a party which offers the spectacle of former Ministers standing on their heads. Mr Roy Jenkins's speech at Brighton yesterday is welcome for its recognition of the danger to democracy that is inherent in that feeling. The past decade may easily be remembered as "the age of the politics of disillusion." The public has indeed had its fill of "slogans dressed up as plans." Conservatives and Labour and then Conservatives again have failed to deliver fully on their promises. That is not good for democracy, and it is comforting that Mr Jenkins recognises this.

It is also comforting that Mr Jenkins and Mr Wilson are on the same wavelength in recognising the central failure of the Labour Government. This was the absence of a workable or credible anti-inflation policy. No one can ignore the exceptional external pressures—and ignorance—which forced Mr Wilson's Government to introduce statutory wage control. It is good to hear that Mrs Castle does not want to revive it. It is good to hear from Mr Jenkins that the National Executive document does not imply a return to what prevailed between 1966 and 1967.

It is less encouraging to read that document, for after pussyfooting for paragraph after paragraph round the edges of the problem it ventures to say, at the end of a sentence with much if-ery and but-ery, that "it should not prove impossible to work out with the unions some kind of permanent long-term policy to contain inflation—we must be prepared to try." And then it tries

to make up for the paucity of ideas by using bold type.

Nevertheless, at least Mr Jenkins knows that what Labour needs from the forthcoming talks with the trade unions is not just a form of words to get it over the next general election but something that will stand up to the pressures of office. Mr Jack Jones shows some signs of realising that also, though doubtless he will drive a hard bargain. Mr Scanlon acknowledges the need less openly though even in his speech yesterday there was a hint of self-criticism over the 1970 election defeat.

The new fact, tragically and ironically, which may make talks with the unions this year more realistic is unemployment. Labour is rightly flaying the Conservatives for their disgraceful performance on this, one of the subjects about which they made promises. But there were 578,000 without jobs when Labour left office and a staggering inflation problem to go with the unemployment. So what we have learned during this age of political disillusion is not only that we cannot have reasonably stable prices unless the Government makes a deal with the unions; we cannot even have assured full employment without that deal. It is a shattering discovery to make a quarter of a century after Keynes.

There was perhaps one other lesser lesson from yesterday. A wit in the audience, listening to Mr Jenkins's speech, suggested that he was making a naked bid for the deputy leadership. The quality and understanding of this speech are a reminder that Mr Jenkins ought not to be removed from his post far being honest about Europe. For that kind of thing would also add to public cynicism about politics.

## Pledges or pieces of paper?

The Labour Party will debate Northern Ireland today on a motion which, among other things, calls for the removal of the border and the unity of Ireland. A Fulham amendment asks for a 32-county republic. Another, to be seconded by Coventry South-east, calls for the unity of Irish workers against "the capitalist class, orange and green alike." The member for Fulham is Mr Michael Stewart, Foreign Secretary in the Labour Government. The member for Coventry East (which overlaps with Coventry South-east in the redistribution) is Mr Richard Crossman. At the time of the Downing Street Declaration, which again guaranteed the right of the people of Northern Ireland to decide their own constitutional future, Mr Crossman was a member of Labour's inner Cabinet.

Of course, neither Mr Crossman nor Mr Stewart controls his local party. Today's agenda, which will be equally encouraging to the IRA and Protestant extremists, is only relevant as a reminder that both men have already made clear their positions on Ireland in speeches in the House of Commons. Mr Stewart has said that the objective of British policy ought to be a united Ireland, and he has urged Northern Protestants to accept the inevitable and make the best deal they can with Dublin. So much for the great Downing Street Declaration.

Mr Crossman, as ever following his logic wherever it leads him, had this advice for the anguished people of Northern Ireland: "If the boundary (sic) is not up for discussion then the terrorists are justified in getting a change by force. If the alternative to force is no change in the boundary, if it is this confounded Declaration from Downing Street that nothing will happen without the consent of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, then that means nothing at all."

## Justice, press, and pillory

"When offences are committed against society the public are entitled to know who has been found guilty of them." Thus the Magistrates' Association, in a sturdy traditional comment to the Younger Committee on privacy. There is a contrary view. "Today the press has become the new pillory, one over which the courts have no control: through newspapers a random selection of our minor offenders are identified, to their public humiliation, before greater multitudes than ever passed through the market places of old." That comes from an address last year to the Guild of British Newspaper Editors by an individual magistrate, Mrs Marjorie Jones, who also happens to know a lot about the way newspapers work.

The difficulty, as most editors know, comes not over big cases at the Old Bailey or assize courts but over minor cases in the lower courts. That is why magistrates are particularly concerned—and the annual meeting of the Magistrates' Association will be asked today to approve the evidence already given on their behalf to the Younger Committee. In minor cases the penalty of newspaper publicity can often be more painful to the individual than the punishment awarded by the court. And there is a large element of chance in whether or not a case is reported: it depends on how many cases come up, what

else the newspapers are busy with, and whether something out of the ordinary catches someone's eye. This random element can make the publicity unjust.

The orthodox argument is that publicity is a necessary part of justice being "seen to be done," that the presence of reporters is a check on arbitrary decisions by magistrates, and that the absence of publicity can lead to gossip which injures the wrong people. Lord Denning once referred to newspaper reporters in the courts as "watchdogs of justice," and in truth they are. But they are also purveyors of spicy stories—and the first test of whether a case is reported is not justice but whether it makes lively reading. That is what led to a French professor's comment, mentioned by Mrs Jones, that by European standards the British press is "sadistic" in its reporting of lower courts.

In Sweden, by a recent change of practice, newspapers are asked not to identify people sentenced to less than two years. The system is discretionary: if public interest requires it, for example, over a sequence of local government corruption cases, newspapers can decide for themselves to give names and details. In general, though, cases in the lower courts are little reported; and the system seems to work well. Arbitrary decisions by magistrates obviously can be reported. As a method it seems more just and humane. It ought to be considered here; but it will have to come, as in Sweden, first on the initiative of the newspapers themselves.

## A COUNTRY DIARY

EXMOOR: It is good to return to some localities time and time again. I won't name the place which we revisited a few days ago; there are many similar areas of hill and valley on the moor where tributaries run a couple of miles between the hills and eventually feed larger rivers. I had been there in all seasons, on foot and on horseback, at sunrise and sunset. The isolated trees were always focal points; the willows beside the water, the beeches growing from the moss-green boundary wall, the wild-growing hawthorn shrubs on the floor of the valley. Soon after setting out we disturbed a flock of golden plovers and the first of many meadow pipits rose from the ground. The last of the heather coloured the hills, fluttering over it in the sunshine were very many lesser tortoiseshell butterflies. On wet ground colour was provided by the mallowing heads of the bog asphodel and the devil's-bit scabious. Once again we saw a wren high on the moor, a reminder that in Devon and West Somerset it is one of the most widely distributed species. A buzzard hovering—over some small mammal probably—was "buzzed" by a party of small birds. All this I had seen before under varied lights. Yet something seemed to have changed and, on reflection, I realised that the hawthorn shrubs that I had once looked down on were now ten to fifteen feet high, the same with the willows, and while some of the beeches were no longer standing new saplings were replacing them. BRIAN CHUGG.

FOR almost 200 years, Great Britain's relations with Ireland have been characterised by the contempt in which Westminster has held the promise inherent in the Act of Union and implied in every Bill that has dealt with the relationship between the Imperial Parliament and its Irish Province—the promise of equal laws, equal opportunities and the equal prospect of prosperity.

Mr Gladstone had no doubt about the importance of the undertaking. "The pledge of the Union," he told the House of Commons, "you have failed to fulfil; and the broken promise is written—unhappily it is indelibly written—upon the history of our country."

Yet 80 years on—after continued and obvious failure to redeem that undertaking—it is a more recent assurance that the Government repeats like holy writ. The Ireland Act of 1949 declared that in no event will Northern Ireland, or any part thereof, cease to be part of His Majesty's dominion and of the United Kingdom without the consent of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

In fact the boundary of Northern Ireland was not made in Heaven. It was not even decided according to the will of the Ulster people. It was the product of pressure by party politicians whose main object was the preservation of their own supremacy. It was a direct and calculated gerrymander, so blatant that at the time of its perpetration even the men who drew the crooked line had to promise a revision.

All of which makes it both unconvincing and dangerous for Mr Brian Faulkner to defend the border as if it was the democratic choice of his electorate. If a county by county plebiscite was held in Northern Ireland, Tyrone, Fermanagh and the city of Derry would vote now (as they would have voted in 1920) to go south.

It is not even possible to say that they remain to keep the Province politically and economically viable. Without aid from Great Britain (even at its present size), Northern Ireland would face bankruptcy as well as civil war.

But the mistakes of history cannot be remedied immediately. It is not possible for the border counties to join the Republic this month or this year. Their institutional ties with Great Britain cannot be unravelled overnight, and there are thousands of Orange ultras who would precipitate civil war rather than allow self-determination to a single county.

## Ulster's last chance?

LABOUR debates Ireland today—as bombs and bazookas blast on. Here ROY HATTERSLEY MP, a Defence Minister in the last administration responsible for getting the troops to Ulster, charts one way to settlement.



Mr Faulkner: "No real enthusiasm for change."

But although the border may not be changed, its history makes all the talk about a sovereign nation democratically committed to its present shape and size sound more like cant than conviction.

Were that merely to result in embarrassment for the intellectually fastidious it would hardly matter. But in Northern Ireland such obvious partisanship is deeply dangerous. The war against the gunmen—which must be fought and must be won—can never succeed unless the Government has the confidence of the Catholic population.

Such confidence will never come whilst the Unionist Party, with their assured and permanent majority, express the ideas of Edward Carson in the language of Lord Craigavon.

Why should the minority in Northern Ireland have faith in the Stormont Government? It is not only the history of half a century that argues against trust. It is the deeds and words of the past two years.

The two years began with the Derry riots and ended with the Chequers conference. All Irishmen of goodwill should rejoice at the three Prime Ministers' unanimous rejection of violence. But in politics, piety is no substitute for policy. And the Unionist Party still has no strategy for genuine reform.

The reforms of the past two years have been late, grudging and piecemeal. When Stormont leaks hints of future improvement on the eve of an emergency session of the British Parliament nobody is impressed. The Orange Lodges think that Mr Faulkner is being pushed from London. The Catholics think that Mr Faulkner only

moves when, and as far, as London pushes him.

"A Record of Constructive Change," (Stormont's account of recent progress towards conditions common in the rest of the United Kingdom all this century) is a massive indictment of life as it was lived in Northern Ireland before 1969. But support for even that degree of progress toppled two Prime Ministers—and the "constructive change" would not have come about had it not been for continual pressure from the British Home Secretary.

For peace to come again to Northern Ireland, the law-abiding Catholics must be alienated from the desperadoes and given a new faith in constitutional government. There are three ways in which that might, theoretically, be achieved.

The first—a demonstration of genuine reformist zeal by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland—is probably impossible. Mr Faulkner has no real enthusiasm for change and if he counterfeited a belief in reform, his colleagues would depose him. The second—a reform programme underwritten by a Westminster Government visibly willing to push Stormont towards the twentieth century—worked in 1969.

But that solution is no longer possible. Mr Heath inspires little more trust than Mr Faulkner. His reputation with the Catholic community was destroyed when he rubber-stamped the Unionists' proposals for internment without trial.

The third way might just work—but it has to be applied quickly, before trust and morale are finally destroyed. It involves assurances of progress which are more substantial than the promises of politicians. It

depends on the prospect of reform being actually built into the Constitution.

That is why Harold Wilson's plan for the extension of Westminster influence—a Commission composed of both London and Belfast MPs—holds out one last desperate prospect. We cannot, with conviction, ask the Northern Ireland Catholics to trust their Stormont Government. We can ask them to give one last chance to the pressure for restraint and reason that a Westminster voice might provide.

A new Constitution might sound the death knell for the Unionist hegemony. But it might herald the re-birth of Northern Ireland democracy.

The re-birth would not be painless—not least because of the Protestant reaction that it might provoke. But only the mindless optimists believe that any solution is possible without some rumblings from the Orange extremists.

At the moment we are not even considering a solution; indeed, we have yet to discover a plausible palliative. All we have is a policy which, in itself, can never work.

It is impossible that the inhabitants of such a country labouring under coercion, inflicted from such a quarter and inflicted in opposition to the authentic voice which the Constitution itself has given them, can be brought into sympathy with the law and that respect for the law without which there can be no true political stability and no true social civilisation.

That was Mr Gladstone's judgment on arbitrary powers in 1893. He has been proved right during the subsequent 80 years. He will be proved right again.

## Inaction on Actaeon

Sir—I was interested to read the "Fine Arts Review" of October 6 in which Mr Donald Wintersgill draws attention to the fact that the system of protecting major art treasures from export has broken down. The fate of Titian's "Death of Actaeon" which was sold as long ago as June 25 at Christie's and which was acquired by Mr Getty, is still in the balance. Nothing can be done until the Government either gives a practical lead or disinterests itself as a matter of principle from attempting to retain the relatively few major works still in private hands in this country. The consequence is that in the meantime the National Gallery and the National Art Collections Fund remain financially impotent, having no marked, clearly all their current resources for the Titian.

This is not the only aspect of Lord Eccles' policy which has been the subject of continuous and reasoned criticism.

The conservation museum admission charges has hitherto focused on the social and economic implications. But now it seems that the method of implementing their imposition has been mis-handled. The Independent Trustees of the National and Tate Galleries have power to impose charges the proceeds of which are devoted to their own institutions, but not to involve themselves in imposing what becomes tantamount to taxation if the ill-gotten gains disappear into the anonymous maw of the Exchequer. Added to which, in order to enforce what seems to be an impropriety, the Minister for the Arts seems to be arrogating to himself (apparently by having the powers which belong to the Trustees alone. Sincerely,

Andrew Faulds,  
House of Commons.

## Dead response

Sir—Jill Tweedie's article on the subject of women in television (October 4) managed to be not only brilliant but stimulating on the Women's Lib topic—by no means a dead one, but increasingly faced with a deadened response from the injured male. Most of Jill Tweedie's remarks could easily be made to apply to almost any creative field. The accuracy of her comment was, in my mind, clearly and wonderfully. Yours sincerely,

Alan Bance,  
Rendel Ward,  
St Mary Abbot's Hospital,  
Kensington, London, W.8.

## A case against Sesame Street

Sir—Now that more parents and teachers are having the opportunity to see "Sesame Street" (ITV, Saturdays) I hope that they will watch for four bad characteristics. When I studied the programme in the making (as a visiting professor in New York) the main objectionable features seemed to me to be as follows:

1. If storytelling is good, children listen. When the "Sesame Street" research found that the children did not listen, instead of improving standards they added interruptions. The theory is that commercials make people concentrate. Sesame Street would discourage concentration.

2. On occasion "Sesame Street" uses cruelty to make children laugh. When they do not attend, a commercial is added showing children stealing each other's sweets or pillows; or cutting the wing of a friendly yo-yo; or pulling a ladder away while someone is standing on it. 3. Snide superiority is used to induce enjoyment. The moral constantly stressed is "You and I are clever but HE is Stupid." This undermines children's confidence in their own ability. One distinguished American professor found that his three-year-old ceased to paint on crayon after watching "Sesame Street" because she was afraid of being "wrong."

## According to need

Sir—The damming of valleys to increase water supplies continues to dismay. Surely it is time to cease trying to extend the supply of water, and to attempt rather to curtail the demand for it? A competition, sponsored by Government with a large prize, would, I believe, elicit the invention of a cheap water meter, making it possible to charge all according to the amount they used.—Yours faithfully,

R. B. Lake,  
127 Stocksbank Road,  
Miffield,  
Yorkshire.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Forgotten points

Sir—Are some of our BBC radio interviewers not very bright or are they in conspiracy to protect the CBI? Jack de Manio drew from an expert in and supplier of means to overcome, maintenance problems in cars the information that underbody rust can be prevented by applying thick dollops of underseal.

It never seemed to occur to de Manio further to ask why the motor-makers did not themselves do this in the first place. A less eminent interviewer since questioned a business executive who had complained that British executives got less pay and less holidays than his

European counterpart. It seemed not to occur in the interviewer to suggest that possibly the British executive did less work than his European counterpart.

Will we do better with commercial radio? Well, perhaps not—Yours truly,

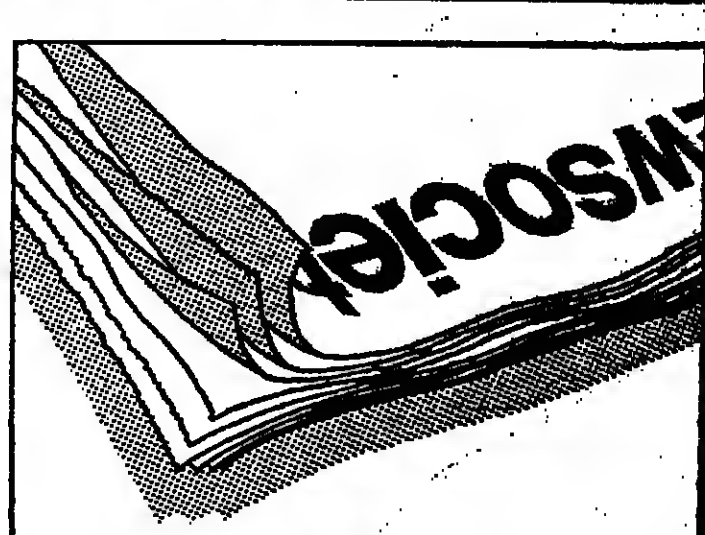
N. Ratcliffe,  
5 Cavendish Avenue,  
Buxton, Derbyshire.

### Working it out

Sir—A recent telephone conversation with a local Government department opened like this: "Is that the Department of Employment and Productivity?" "We've dropped the 'Productivity' bit, sir."

It would appear that "Employment" is doing little better.—Yours faithfully,

Bryan A. Stener,  
16 St Nicholas Mount,  
Epsom, Surrey.



## Left forever?

Will today's students stay radical? Or will they be conservative at 40? An important guide, the behaviour of past generations, is analysed in today's New Society by two US sociologists. Notable student activists from the 1930s have achieved prominence in labour relations, government, political science and journalism. But is this what, as young radicals, they had in mind?

Also this week Duncan Joiner on how our personalities shape the way we organise our offices; Nicholas Woodward on the bank manager's empire; Thomas Balogh on some economic heresies; and Albert Hunt on Sesame Street.

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SIR HUGH GREENE: HONORARY

# Wise men and wet blankets

If they are not satisfied with the Governors they won't be satisfied with the Commission," said Sir Robert Lister. "What do they do then? Go and see Lord Hailsham or something, I suppose."

Sir Robert, a former BBC Governor (and a publisher) said the decision to set up an independent complaints commission was "a bit of a surprise". Sir Hugh Greene, the former Director-General who resigned as a Governor in August, described it as "a clumsy and short-sighted attempt at appeasement."

The BBC announced its Commission at the weekend. Lord Parker, the former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Maybray-King, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, and Sir Edmund Compton, the former Ombudsman (who is, incidentally, likely to be heavily involved with his inquiry into the treatment of Northern Ireland detainees) are to set up office as a last resort for complaints against the Corporation. Not matters of taste, but matters in which people feel they have been unfairly treated and have been through all the usual BBC complaints machinery.

Not much was made of the announcement. One BBC man

said there was some satisfaction at Broadcasting House that the news had arrived with general view was that the Commission was appointed as a pre-emptive move. A BBC-created Commission would be better than a Government-imposed Broadcasting Council. It was thought. And in any case, not many complaints would be likely to find their way through the bureaucracy and beyond the Board of Governors. It was a sop, not a surrender.

But was it in fact another sign of nervousness about the politicians and that lady from the Midlands? In 1966 Kenneth Lamb was made Direc-

tor, Public Affairs at the BBC, with a responsibility for establishing a relationship between the BBC and the public, complaining and otherwise. Why was this, not enough?

Sir Hugh Greene has declared himself horrified at the news of the Commission. In a letter to the "Times" this week he called it "the payment of Danegeld" and a step which would stifle adventure. He cast doubts on the courage of his recent colleague Lord Hill.

Sir Robert Lister, who was a BBC Governor from 1960 to 1968, said he always thought it was the Governors' job to deal with complaints

from the public. In his term of office the BBC pursued a much more adventurous policy, and yet he could not recall a single case in which the Governors could not settle. "I would sooner cope with an imposed Broadcasting Council, with all the chaos that that would entail," he said. The Governors should not hand over their responsibilities to this trio, however distinguished it might be.

Meanwhile, Lord Hill, BBC chairman and former Radio Doctor, explained yesterday that the Commission was being created to provide a "second opinion." Speaking to the Medical Journalists' Association, he replied to Sir

## Oliver Pritchett on Sir Hugh's cries

Hugh Greene's attack. "I just do not believe, knowing the BBC staff, that they are such timid characters that they will be less adventurous and less liberal simply because in certain circumstances some one else may comment in public on the BBC's defence of what it has done," he said. "It is quite untrue to say that the present chairman and Board and the present Director-General and board of management are any less vigilant in preserving editorial and creative freedom than their predecessors."

Lord Hill likes a second opinion, but continues to hate the idea of a Broadcasting Council. "It is fallacious and

and dangerous to pretend that the errors inherent in freedom can be prevented by an external regulatory or controlling body with no responsibility for the creative process," he said.

Much of the pressure for a Broadcasting Council has come from MPs. Julian Critchley, secretary of the Conservatives' broadcasting committee and one of the most persistent campaigners for a council, doesn't think much of Lord Hill's second opinion (or Danegeld). He will continue to press for a Broadcasting Council.

A Free Communications Group official scornfully dismissed the Complaints Commission as "a stalling operation, a sop." Mr Critchley acknowledged, however, that it was "a sop in the right direction."

## Move in legal climate

It is why Harold Wilson's extension of the Ministerial influence... and Belfast MPs... last desperate prospect... not with conviction... their Stormont Government... can ask them to give... chance to the present... restraint and reason... minister voice might... a new Constitution... around the death knell... herald the rebirth of... Ireland democracy.

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he threat to marriage... the legitimate family, said... Minister was presented... free union and adultery... the birth of an illegit... child, and the divorce... often followed it... living an illegitimate child... same rights as a leg... she does not mean that... some free unions or place... on a par with legal... marriage, but the pre-mi... of the illegitimate... fully should not be assured... the unhappiness of natural... children. The knowledge of... in present circumstances... does not restrain... marital relations. Inv... it will not impel men... take mistresses, or women... rush into the arms of... etc."

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W. PLEVEN: LIBERAL

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## Ben Gurion at 85

Ben Gurion at 85, reminding to please his birthday guests, rambles on—ruddy-faced, high pitched, short of breath. But there is method in it.

Ask him about the decisive moment of his life and he talks about settlement in Palestine before he was born. "I can say that is the most important, because it laid the foundation. And the funny thing was, they never called themselves Zionists. They had come."

In his mind, his 85 years and the rebuilding of Israel are synonymous. Listen to him patiently and you can hear the unity of his life, the simplicity of his belief.

Everything in his career and in his memories are variations on two themes. The first: "Zionism is the only way to Jewish survival." The second: "What goes wrong is less important than what Jews do."

All week the Hebrew newspapers and television have been thrashing over his great moments, his crucial decisions. The crushing of the Irgun by the Hagana; the foundation of a State with neither a constitution nor defined borders; the defence of Jerusalem and the thrusts to Eilat in the war of independence; the conquest of Sinai in 1956 and its relinquishment in 1967; the Eichmann trial; the Lavon affair. But the old man goes on, doggedly and with a touch of mischief, about quite other matters.

Decisive acts? The one he likes most to remember is landing at Jaffa Port in 1906, at the age of 19. "I said to myself, and to others: 'If every Jew were like my father, a devoted Zionist who made speeches and raised money and held meetings in his house but remained where he was, it is this Zionism then I must make a Zionist'."

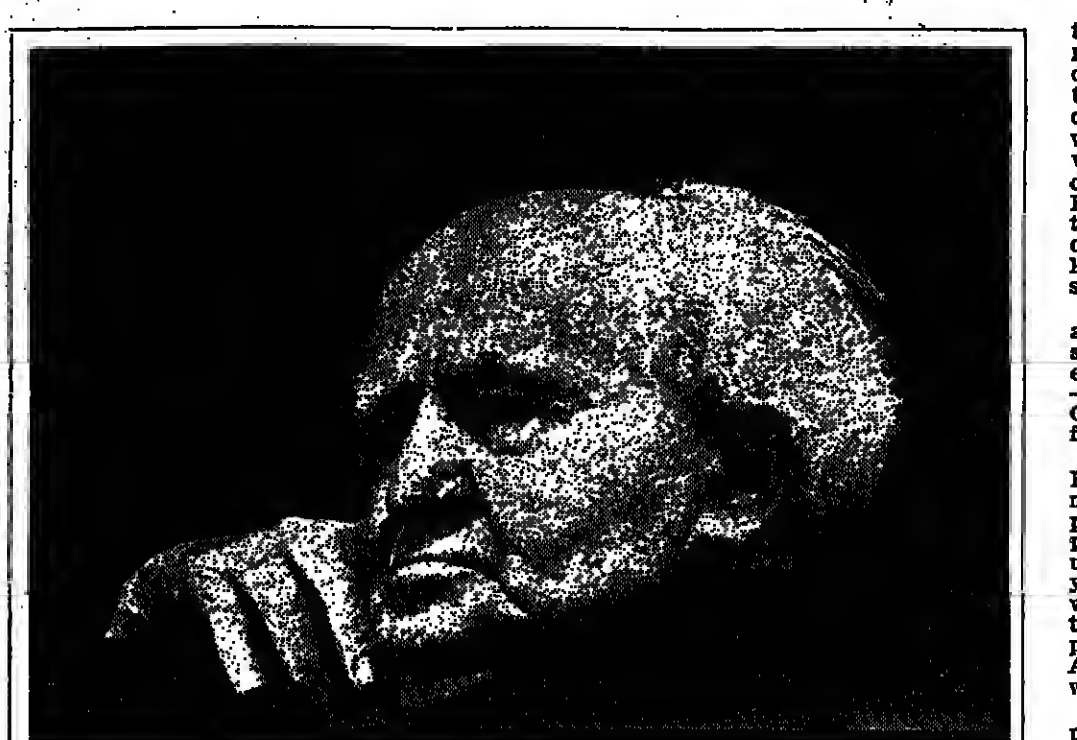
It was, the same Ben Gurion who founded out of his own Cabinet 55 years later after a quarrel, and came to live in this desert kibbutz. "Go south young man," he has been telling Israelis throughout his life. Ironically, it was not until after his retirement end after the six-days war that large numbers of Americans are taking his advice.

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## The lion in winter

WALTER SCHWARZ at David Ben Gurion's birthday party: Sde Boker Kibbutz, Wednesday

But nobody in Jaffa could understand me. They spoke Russian, or Yiddish or German. Jaffa was worse than Manchester, worse than Ploesk. So I went on to Petah Tikva and thought that was Israel. There I saw hundreds of Arabs working the fields while the Jews sat around near the synagogue telling them what to do. Theo I heard of a place called Sejera in Galilee, where Jews did the work themselves. So I went and worked there and that at last was Israel. It was the happiest period of my life.

As Premier he never received foreign Jews, however rich, without asking them why they or at least their sons, did not settle in Israel. Ironically, it was not until after his retirement end after the six-days war that large numbers of Americans are taking his advice.

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Phenomenally so. The only thing he admits to remembering about his childhood is being taught Hebrew by his grandfather when he was three, and donating his pocket money for Palestine when he was ten.

All this week he has been fated. Mrs Golda Meir and Mr Yigal Alon, who had not been on speaking terms with him since the bitter political quarrel of 1963, came down to Sde Boker to make it up. Little groups of journalists and other pilgrims sit in his small sitting-room, getting mixed up with dogs and large grandchildren.

Reluctantly, he lets himself be coaxed towards the present day. "Why did you leave in 1948 that no boys should be drawn for Israel," I asked, "and now you think the time has come to draw them?"

The answer is a quick recapitulation, in major key, of the second theme: that Jews can rely only on themselves. "When the United Nations decided on a Jewish State in 1947 we didn't like it because it was too small and

left out Jerusalem. But we accepted it. I said to my colleagues: 'If the Arabs had accepted it, too, that would be the last word, but the Arabs said 'No', and the UN did nothing about it.'

"When the Americans said that partition did not mean a Jewish State after all, I supposed they spoke indirectly for the UN, too. So I took it that the UN had already abolished the State. This meant that there would be a State not because the UN decided it but because we established it. It will be built by our own people and not by any decision."

This philosophy was the germ of Israeli activism, which is still at work in the creation of facts in the occupied territories. But Ben Gurion's own activism is neither hawkish nor expansionist. In 1956, both Dayan and Peres had wanted Israel to attack, single handed, months before Ben Gurion agreed. And he only agreed after France and Britain had been involved. Finally he made up his mind—he was in Paris at the time—and

## Unity or bust

PETER JENKINS AT THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE IN BRIGHTON

then went back to the Cabinet for approval. This Presidential style is in sharp contrast with that of his successor. When the six-day war was debated, it was the other way round: the Cabinet decided, not Prime Minister Eshkol. And this is still how things are run in Israel, as in other countries where great leaders have passed from the scene.

Ben Gurion stands by his armchair advice that Israel should now offer to give back everything it gained in 1967—except Jerusalem and the Golan Heights—in exchange for "real" peace.

He explains: "The Egyptians need peace because most of their people are poor peasants who are getting poorer all the time. I have understood that in the last year of his life. When Rogers was over here this year he told me Sadat also wants peace but I wasn't so sure. Anyway, in the long run they want it."

How could the Egyptians prove they want real peace? "First of all we will talk with them and make an agreement on what ways we shall help each other (of course we don't really need their help but we will not tell them that). If they agree to cooperate for education, health, culture, and politics—then it proves they are ready to live in friendship and then we can give back what we owe."

It is a simplistic view of Arabs. The "I know the Arabs" approach was perhaps the central weakness of Ben Gurion and his generation—and of many of their sons, too.

More excusably, he has got a bit out of touch with Israel as well. "Our youth gets better and better with each generation. Now, of course, I hear that there are also bad Jews, like Black Panthers—though I have never met them." But he dismisses the most significant social product of the postwar years. Ben Gurion put Israel on the map and shaped its institutions. But in the end it outgrew him. The new party he founded in 1964 did badly at the polls, just as de Gaulle did badly in his last referendum, as Churchill was dismissed in 1945.

When the birthday party is over Ben Gurion will go back to work on the third and fourth volumes of his autobiography. He is bappy, optimistic, convinced that a peace will come. "It could take a few years, but then we have waited nearly 2,000 years."



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But there is a reason why we should take particular note of the conference's decisions this year. For if anybody is looking for a rough agenda for the bargaining which is now going to take place between the Labour Party and the militant trade unions he might start by glancing down the list of conference decisions. In other words, if Mr Harold Wilson is serious about a "prior agreement" between the next Labour Government and the unions, and if Mr Jack Jones is sincerely interested in doing a deal, the Labour Party is going to find itself committed to a considerably more Left-wing programme than it came in with in 1964.

The importance of the rapprochement between Mr Wilson and Mr Jones has been overshadowed by the attention commanded by the Common Market split and the position of Mr Roy Jenkins. The indications are that both men are serious. Mr Wilson is said to be determined to agree upon an "anti-inflation policy" (we are not allowed to talk about "incomes policy" any longer), and not just a piece of paper, this time. Mr Jones has said little to indicate what sort of bargain he has in mind (and Mr Hugh Scanlon appears still to have nothing in mind) but Mr Jones has gone out of his way this week to indicate his readiness to talk and do business.

The framework of such an agreement is pretty obvious, but has been usefully spelt out to the conference this week, notably by Mr Jenkins yesterday. The policy has to be credible, he rightly insisted; it must stand up to the pressures of office; it must apply at all levels of the Labour Party and the trade unions; it must incorporate social policies for greater equality; it must cover wages as well as prices but not get bogged down again in norms, bureaucracy and compulsions.

Translating these conditions into convincing practice will be a formidable task, and may even be impossible. But it has been usefully and firmly established here this week that all the major forces about economic expansion and full employment will come to nought unless the party and the unions can come to meaningful understandings. This means the politicising of the unions, but it also means the shift to the Left and the feeling of the conference is not unusually militant; if anything it is a bit listless.

## Ted's slowest learner

Richard Bourne on new disenchantment with Mrs Thatcher

MRS THATCHER has run into a spot of bother over a circular on slow learners which she promised to issue as long ago as the Easter conference of the National Union of Teachers. Its non-appearance is contributing to a credibility gap which is opening up between her and the education service.

In her NUT speech, a notable show of her concern for an educational issue within schools, the Education Secretary estimated that about 850,000 secondary pupils, up to 17 per cent of the total, need special help with their learning. On this basis of HM Inspectors' and other reports, she added, only half of them were getting it.

She put forward seven points of action ranging from better identification of changes of practice within the school—and hinted that authorities could recruit more teachers for slow learners. Consultations on the circular would start "during the next few weeks."

Now her department states that it still intends to produce a circular, but no date is being given, and a number of informed persons are sceptical as to whether anything will come of it at all. For a Minister who managed to get a circular on comprehensive education out within a fortnight of taking office this makes a strange story.

Even at Scarborough, where Mrs Thatcher made plain that there was to be no new money attached to her circular, there was some doubt about what it could say that was neither vacuous nor revolutionary. (No one really expected her to propose an end to streaming in schools, or more generous staffing ratios in secondary modern than grammar schools, or less emphasis on examination success in the ethos of secondary schooling.) However, a long draft circular

was sent round for comment to local authority and teacher interests, with its objective gallantly being defined as to draw attention to the needs of children in secondary schools who find difficulty in keeping up with their contemporaries.

This draft, making unoriginal suggestions about different timetabling and curricular provision for slow learners, with crafts and practical activities and the need to attend to subjects in which such youngsters are most likely to succeed with the object of building further progress around them, contained only one hard nugget. This was a request to local authorities to review their arrangements, in concert with HM Inspectors, and to see what they could do about teacher deployment, identification of slow learners, and the like.

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enforced retaining of school-leaving teenagers, it seems to have failed. The National Association of Schoolmasters drew attention to the need for inquiry into discipline and school violence.

The mistake over the slow learners—for the Scarborough speech was bound to create hopeful expectations among some devoted teachers who get infrequent recognition—seems to have the negative quality as the negative circular 10/70 on comprehensives, which itself led to promises of renewed consultation. If the local authorities and teachers had had a chance to see 10/70 in advance they would at least have suggested that they had not knowingly colluded to present educationally unsound comprehensive schemes, as the circular implied. With a little consultation before Easter Mrs Thatcher might never have committed herself to a circular at all.

The trouble with all this is that it adds to the number of issues on which the education service—which, irrespective of politics, has had some respect for the Education Secretary's defence of her budget from the Barber cuts and for her primary building campaign—is beginning to lose faith in its Cabinet representative.

The illegal milk-drinkers of Merseyside, the loss without trace of Lord Belstead's inquiry into the extension of preschool education, the suspect days of Section 68 of the 1944 Act to quash a comprehensive proposal from Surrey, the odd coincidence that parts of Barnett represented by two other Ministers (Messrs Maudling and Peter Thomas) seem to produce school merger proposals which are more acceptable than does the Education Secretary's own Aet in Finchley... catalogue of decisions which show not only wrong-headedness, but a loss of credibility.

## MISCELLANY

### Watertight?

"PRIVATE EYE" CELEBRATED its tenth birthday yesterday with champagne on the Brighton Belle, buffet and booze on the fringe of the Labour Party Conference, and a notice of writ from Harold Wilson's solicitor.

Leo Thorpe, the "Eye's" bullet-proof printer, was the only man connected with the paper who was in his office to open the letter. It complained, he said, about a piece by Auberon Waugh in the last issue. Waugh's "HP Sauce" column had alleged that Harold was being used professionally by his old chum Joe Kagan to promote Gannex raincoats. The lawyer ran through the Waugh charges, judges them clearly libellous, and asked for the name of the "Eye's" lawyer. A writ would then be served. It may not be the only one.

### Party over

MR GOLLAN REGRETS... The first fraternal delegation from the Soviet to the British Communist Party has postponed its two-week trip till the lights go on again on Anglo-Soviet relations. The ten-man delegation, led by a Secretary of the Soviet Communist Central Committee, and including the Regional Secretary of Kiev, was to have arrived last weekend. Its programme included a couple of days in Brighton to observe the Labour Party Conference. The National Executive had invited the Russians to its overseas guests' reception, though the British Communist Party is of course a proscribed organisation. Clive Jenkins had also invited the delegation to his union's cocktail party.

Another missing Russian at Brighton this week has been Igor Klimov, the plump and ever-smiling Labour Attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Lon-

### Party Conference?

The Sussex Constabulary was out in force again yesterday. But half an hour before the bomb scare, Norma Percy, an American research worker, arrived at the Rank Centre clad in Bill Sykes cap and blood-red velvet safari suit, with six shot gun cartridges ostentatiously tucked in the front pouches. It was, she says, the first time she had not been stopped and asked for her pass. The cartridges were dead and had been given to her by a policeman at the House of Commons, where she does her research. But how was the Sussex Constabulary to know that?

### Lib loot

NOT ALL THE OLD GUARD of the Liberal Party are the rebellious Young Branches restrict its activities. A prominent member of the party, who wishes to remain anonymous, lest he incur the wrath of Jeremy, has made a donation of several thousand pounds to the YLA, to open a regional headquarters in Manchester.

The gift is for at least three years, and is enough to buy equipment and pay the salary of a full time regional organiser. At present the YLA only have an office in London, to which prospective organisers should apply.

### Take notice

AN INEVITABLE accompaniment to an IRA death in Northern Ireland is a string of death notices in the Belfast Catholic daily, the "Irish News." There were 44 for Terence McDermott, who was buried yesterday. Among the conventional terms of Catholic piety were such phrases as "Those who die for Ireland live" and "The supreme sacrifice for his country." The mourners included organisations called Andersonstown Defence Corps, and the Intermates of Long Kesh camp.

The "Irish News" says that death notices are all front of counter business—10p a line, minimum charge 60p—with no invoicing, so the death notices give no lead to identifying people involved in IRA activity. The notices are, however, of some use to the authorities. In cases of doubt as to the actual involvement and status of people killed by troops or their own explosions, they provide official clarification direct from the other side.

### Just how secure is the security for the Labour

JOAN LITTLEWOOD, still flourishing the scars of her failure quite to subvert either Paris or Tunisia, is catching up on her lovely wars. She was in Brighton yesterday in blue sailor suit and (forgive us) a Ted Heath cap. Next port Clyde-side, then Belfast. The first lady of Theatre Workshop is going to Glasgow to spy out the shipyards, and see whether she can do anything to point the lessons and cheer the workers.

Her claim to interfere in Irish grief is that Brendan Behan used to call her a Cockney Fenian. In Belfast she wants to offer a rival absurdity in the streets. The British troops can stay, she says, but let them take off their uniforms. May comedy commence.

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### Tax pax

VENGEANCE IS MINE, said the accountants. A new tax haven looks like springing up in the Pacific—the authorities in Papua-New Guinea are having trouble recruiting tax inspectors, as the local people fear the anger of their neighbours if they apply for the job. The Australian administered territory is taking over its own government over the next four years, and a special training course for collectors was set up, but it has collapsed through lack of candidates.

The chief tax collector (Australian) explained that Papuan and New Guineans have an ingrained belief that any wrong must be avenged, and tax collecting would certainly be regarded as a wrong. It was, he explained sadly, a common problem in developing countries.

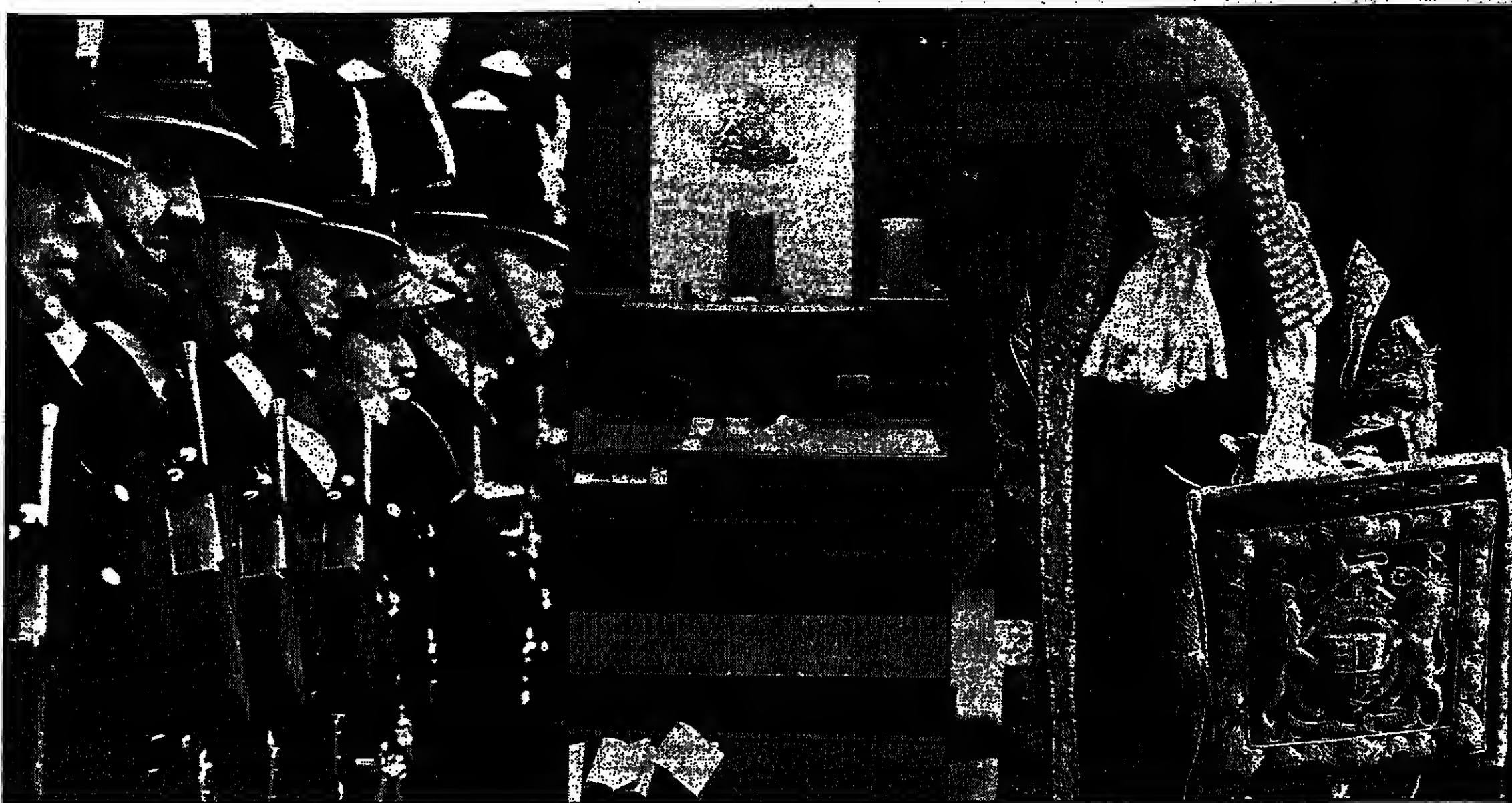
### Miscellany's silver

medal for the sick joke of the Brighton morning goes to Jean Denham of the Labour Press Office: "When we go back from the bomb scare, they'll ask us to show our tick, tick, tick, tick tickets."



**'When the police oppose bail the officer stands thumbing through a large file... It inevitably creates the impression that anyone for whom the police have such a thick file can hardly be let loose'**

**In the last of three articles Harold Jackson examines the loading of the legal system**



## What's wrong with the law: rush to judgment

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE to live in a country where 115 people are thrown into gaol without trial every working day? You do. Every year something approaching 50,000 people are sent to prisons or remand centres to await trial or sentence. 30,000 of whom have not been convicted. More than 2,000 of them are found not guilty at their trials and nearly 20,000 are not given custodial sentences.

"The figures are sufficiently large," Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, said recently, "to make me believe that there is among them a proportion of instances where bail might have been granted. To do so would not have interfered with justice."

He could have gone further and observed that the failure to bail defendants can on occasions cause the most appalling injustice. A lorry driver who was remanded in custody lost his job and his home, saw his wife suffer a nervous breakdown and his eight-year-old son have psychiatric treatment, had his father-in-law forced to leave the family and live in a hostel—and had his trial stopped by the judge with a direction that he be found not guilty.

According to Section 18 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, the emphasis should now be towards granting bail unless there are pressing reasons against it. But there is continuous concern at the reluctance of magistrates to carry out the spirit of the Act, so that even Lord Hailsham

has been obliged to urge them to stop clogging our prisons unnecessarily.

In theory the presumption of innocence on which our law rests means that the onus should be very much on the prosecution to establish clear reasons for refusing bail. But the indications are that the Bench leans heavily towards the police when they object to the accused's release. A Home Office survey revealed that bail was granted in 95 per cent of the cases where there was no police objection but in only 8 per cent of those where there was.

There is some evidence that stipendiary magistrates are more sceptical of the police case and more willing to give the prisoner the benefit of any doubt. But the decision about a man's liberty can be pretty brisk. In a study shortly to be published by the Cobden Trust 1,001 remand hearings are analysed. The question of bail was raised in 379 and the average time for the decision was three minutes. Only one fifth of the hearings lasted more than five minutes.

Of the 247 cases in which the police objected to bail most finished with the accused being remanded in custody. Four fifths of the defendants making their first appearance had no lawyer to represent them, but of those who did a quarter got bail. Four fifths of those who did not have a lawyer wound up in prison.

A research worker at Hull University, Mr Keith Bottomley, found that no

information about the accused or his case was sought by the court in nearly one-third of the hearings he studied. This was especially true in the cases where no lawyer was acting for the defendant. One lawyer commented to me on the tactics adopted by the police at some hearings:

### Prisoner's past

"The Bench is not supposed to know anything about the prisoner's past. But what happens when the police oppose bail is that the officer stands thumbing through a large file if the magistrates ask any questions. It inevitably creates the impression that anyone for whom the police have such a thick file can hardly be let loose, though no one has the least idea what is in the file."

Underlying this situation is a growing feeling that the system is loaded against the accused. There is no question that the incidence of serious crime is rising but there seems to be some danger that magistrates will start treating too many people as an imminent threat to the fabric of society. Mr Maudling has promised action to try to make criminals pay compensation for their crimes. Are we also going to see similar penalties against the state which bars the innocent citizen?

In Dorset a while back a man was charged with stealing a beer glass worth 15p. He was acquitted but his application for costs was refused. Indeed, the magistrates went further, and

ordered him to pay £20 towards the legal aid for his defence. By any standards it seems a pretty incredible example of summary justice.

And, it must be emphasised, in spite of the huffing and puffing by the Establishment, these cases are really not all that uncommon. Any reporter who has spent his early years covering courts can produce examples. The Law Society, the solicitors' official body, has taken up the question of costs for those acquitted with the Home Office, claiming that it is getting an increasing number of complaints. The Lord Chancellor is concerned about too many remands in custody. The Lord Chief Justice has called on magistrates to give legal aid more promptly.

If the lawyers, not notable for their radicalism, are concerned, the rest of us should certainly be. Can we really tolerate a situation in which the innocent are penalised simply for having appeared in court, the inarticulate are refused access to lawyers, and men are gaoled for what they might be rather than for what they have done?

Behind it all lies a philosophical dilemma which has no simple answer. We are proud of the independence of our judiciary, but it can be a two-edged sword. At its best the system can protect the citizen from arbitrary power; at its worst it can be even more oppressive itself. It reflects the

spirit of its age—the House of Lords' decision that it could not over-rule itself and the declaration of Papal infallibility came hard on one another's heels—and absorbs the mobile criteria of society.

Just as society is getting more complex so is the law. The number of judicial decisions used to occupy one volume annually; now it takes up three. There are too few lawyers (we still have only about two thousand barristers in the country) and they are getting increasingly swamped by more legislation and an increase in crime. And, hard though some may regard it, it rests with the lawyers to defend our liberties.

### Brilliant judges

We can never escape from the human elements in society and there are bound to be the occasional disasters. Who can tell how a barrister is going to shape up as a judge? Lord Devlin and Donovan had no criminal experience before they reached the Bench but turned out to be brilliant. Mr Justice Slade and Mr Justice Hallett might better have stayed where they were. The same applies in the lay magistracy.

And the system itself has its flaws. The way our courts are organised it is quite possible for a total of six judges to find in a man's favour through various stages of trial and appeal, and three against him. The three can

determine the outcome, which does not do much for the public's view of the law.

There have been a number of proposals for specific improvements. The Law Society would like magistrates' courts to have legally qualified chairmen (though they might not vote on the question of guilt or innocence, which might guard against some of the more bizarre excesses). The Lord Chancellor has now announced that legal aid will extend to applications against the refusal of bail. There have been suggestions that lay magistrates should only be appointed for five years at a time, to help weed out the unsuitable.

But what is really needed is a change in the climate of the courts and a move away from the too-prevalent attitude that "he wouldn't be here if he hadn't done it." In a period of social uncertainty, when established institutions feel threatened, it is easy enough to justify bending the law to preserve the status quo. The ultimate result of this, of course, is Russia, where anti-Soviet activities are defined as those with which the defendant is charged, or South Africa, where a Communist is someone charged under the Suppression of Communism Act.

It is a slippery path, and the idea that it can't happen here is thoroughly denied by some of the examples given in these articles. Respect for the law must be contingent on the fact that it deserves respect.

### BOOKS EXTRA

## Reserve to Ribaldry

**Terry Coleman on the mini-OED**

THE GREAT "Oxford English Dictionary" is today published in a new and compact form. In its ordinary edition it comes in 13 volumes, 16,400 pages in all, and costs £90. Now the Oxford University Press has reproduced it photographically, with four of the old pages, each a quarter of its old size, appearing on each new page. This way they have got it into two volumes, £28 the pair. With the set comes a portable magnifying glass to make the text readable, and it works well.

Thus the second greatest dictionary of the English language will now be available to many more people. You could always look up one of the 13 volumes in a library, but what matters with a dictionary is to have it by you, so that you can refer to it when you need to, or when you are curious. I shall plainly have to explain this remark about second greatest, and I shall do so a bit later on.

The history of the OED goes back to 1858 when the Philological Society resolved to make it, and to publish it in parts at five shillings each. In 1879 OUP took it over, appointed James Murray as editor, and hoped to get it out in 125 6d instalments, in ten years. By 1897, the year in which it was dedicated to Queen Victoria, it had 1 think got up to H or J. Some of the parts have nice witty titles. That for December 1894 was "Deceit to Deceit," as if a dictionary should have a moral purpose. Then there were "Delect to Depravation" in 1895, and "Distrustfully to Doom" in 1897. Later parts, once out of the Victorian era, were livelier; there was "Reserve to Ribaldry" in 1908, "Sleep to Snuggle" in 1912, and "Whisking to Willfulness" in 1924.

In 1928, after nearly 50 years, it



Editors of the OED: Dr Onions, Dr Bradley, and Sir William Craigie (centre three, front row) with their staff

was finished, and Stanley Baldwin, speaking at the celebratory dinner, said, most originally, that if he were cast on a desert island the one book he would take with him would be... In 1933, at another dinner, to celebrate the publication of the supplement, the President of Magdalen, in a witty little speech, remarked that the work now contained a terminology "for the expression of the minutest whims of fashion, of the last intimacy of clothes."

By 1933 the supplement was necessary because words beginning with some early letters of the alphabet had been defined as far back as the 1570s. It also contained many new words, with the dates of their first known appearance, and these dates I often find surprising. Did crook, meaning crook, really not appear until 1886, and was down and out already current in 1889? Feminist is exactly right for 1894, which was almost as feminist a time as now—a time when, I think, one of the best-selling novels of the day bore the title "The Woman Who Did." What she did was live with a man she loved, on principle, because she had been at Girton.

From women to cricket: isn't it entirely right that 1900, the first year in which the word "cricket" was used, the phrase "not cricket" was used? Before then, Englishmen were gentlemen, and there was no need for the term. And so on. To park (a vehicle) appeared in 1911, chips (potatoes) in 1916, and cami (presumably as in the last intimacy of clothes) in 1926.

A new supplement is now under preparation, for the large edition, that is, and I thought I might be able to add two new quotations to it: I was sure I had found, in browsing through newspapers of the 1940s, two words that couldn't have appeared before that time. They were *minibus* and *counter-revolution*. Alas, the dictionary, as I now see, already has both,

*minibus* by 1849, which is about the same time as mine, and *counter-revolution* as early as 1793.

Now the Chinese are said, according to OED, to have had a dictionary c. 1100BC, but for a long time after that the English considered word-lists necessary only for children—and then mainly to give them the English equivalents of Latin words—or for women. Dictionaries, until Shakespeare's time, never set out to list all the words of a language, but only the hard words, as in Cawdrey's dictionary of 1604, which set out these hard words "with the interpretation thereof by plaine English words, gathered for the benefit and helpe of Ladies, Gentlewomen, or any other unskilful persons."

By Johnson's time there were at least a couple of dictionaries which set out to be comprehensive, and after Johnson came the time of the American lexicographers. Among the first was someone conveniently called Samuel Johnson, Jr., of New Haven, 1798, and then came Noah Webster.

I sometimes wonder, when I take down Webster's "Third New International English Dictionary," what its founder would make of this last edition of the English considered word-lists necessary only for children—and then mainly to give them the English equivalents of Latin words—or for women. Dictionaries, until Shakespeare's time, never set out to list all the words of a language, but only the hard words, as in Cawdrey's dictionary of 1604, which set out these hard words "with the interpretation thereof by plaine English words, gathered for the benefit and helpe of Ladies, Gentlewomen, or any other unskilful persons."

ity am I for anything? Particularly if undated.

Webster's is the OED's principal competitor, and if it is so, why the OED only the second greatest dictionary in the English language? What is the first? Not Funk and Wagnalls, good though that is, and often more up to date. Not the 14 volumes of the "English Dialect Dictionary," London, 1898, though that does contain, which the OED does not, the word *crodder*, meaning, if I remember right, the state of being weary-drunk.

Only a strange judgment, then, could call the OED anything but the best. It is the best, but not the greatest. That is still Johnson's dictionary; and why should someone not publish a reduced facsimile of that? It is the greatest because it is the work of one mind, which happened to be a great mind. Because of this, Johnson's dictionary possesses a unique unity and vigour. Because the eighteenth-century was probably the last time the English language could be encompassed by one man, this vigour and unity of mind will remain unique among dictionaries. Murray, his colleagues, and successors, had many minds. Computers will have no mind at all.

There is a story that when Murray, a Scot, was editing the Oxford dictionary with his many assistants—some time at the turn of the century when the dictionary was such a great and famous enterprise that his official postal address was simply "Dr Murray, Oxford"—one day Boswell met Johnson in heaven and asked: "What would you say, sir, if you were informed that your dictionary is being superseded by the work of a Scotchman and a Nonconformist?"

"Sir," replied Johnson, "in order to be amusing it is not necessary to be flippant, inaccurate, or indecent."

"The Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary," two volumes, OUP, £28.

## Knowing how and knowing that by Stuart Hampshire

COLLECTED PAPERS, by Gilbert Ryle: Vol. 1, Critical Essays; Vol. 2, Collected Essays 1929-68 (Hutchinson. £5 and £6).

THE FIRST AND SHORTER volume includes twenty critical essays on philosophers of the past, from Plato to J. L. Austin.

The earliest essay was published in 1920 in "Mind" and Heidegger's "Sein und Zeit" is its subject. It is a long, respectful account of this most obscure of all the formative metaphysicians of Existentialism, who was the decisive influence upon Sartre.

Ryle in 1920 admired "the phenomenological analysis of the root workings of the human soul," but he anticipated correctly, as I believe, that Heidegger was developing Husserl's phenomenology in a disastrous direction. By 1946 Ryle was writing: "Phenomenology was, from its birth, a bore, repudiating his earlier interest in Husserl's philosophy; and his attitude to Parisian Existentialism after the war was one of contempt."

Ryle's philosophical development from this early interest in phenomenology to the publication of "The Concept of Mind" and beyond, can be traced in the second volume of collected essays. It is an impressive story, partly because it shows a concentration of interest over forty years upon a single, central topic: the nature of thinking and the relation of thinking to its expression in words and in intelligent behaviour.

From the earliest article in 1930 on Propositions to "Thinking of thoughts" in 1968 the reader can trace a progress in the clarification of the question "what is thought?"

There are important landmarks on the way: for example, "Knowing how and knowing that," an essay published in 1946, which attacks the prevailing intellectualist accounts of what constitutes intelligence.

The polemical tone, which is part of the energy of his writing, marks his emancipation from earlier assumptions, and a steady process of rational conversion. The writings of contemporary analytical philosophers, who have been educated in this discipline, and who have never strayed into forbidden metaphysical fields, are often flat, because tension is lacking.

Professor Ryle's writing is brilliant, original, self-conscious, taut, and epigrammatic; he is never prosy or dull,

and he communicates his own pleasure in phrase-making. He is certainly the liveliest writer among living English philosophers, and any sequence of his sentences has his personal stamp upon them, both in syntax and in vocabulary.

It is still surprising to read an exposition of Plato written in a conversational, witty style which uses none of the tired technical terms of textbook philosophy. His various essays on sensation and on thought are written with the same energy and sharpness, and their arguments are relieved by unexpected turns of phrase.

There is a negative theme that runs through the essays, and that is the principal tenet of Gilbert Ryle's philosophy; that the rehearsing of thoughts in the mind, the silent entertaining of propositions and ideas, are marginal activities in a person's life; that the essence of thought is not to be found in this theoretical brooding and in silent meditation, but rather in more or less competent problem-solving; and that the problems to be solved are of a great variety of different kinds, and theoretical problems are not in any way privileged among them. The power of thought is not manifested in thoughtfulness, but in intelligent performance in the fulfilment of some specific task.

He has consistently argued against the academic tradition, and against the tradition of the Platonic Academy, both of which insisted on the superiority of the inner spiritual life of men, and insisted also on the superiority of abstract and theoretical studies to practical reasoning and skill.

His style, deliberately unacademic, is a fitting expression of his dislike for academic and philosophical pretensions and solemnities. His sympathies are with the craftsman, technician or professional man who knows his job, and he sometimes makes problem-solving in philosophy seem a craft.

His philosophy of mind is in many respects close to Wittgenstein's, but the manner of presentation, brisk, decisive, and excentrically sensible, is as different as possible from the troubled, meandering, and confessional style of Wittgenstein. It is surprising that literary qualities should so strongly modify a philosophical position.









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## Melchett gives up as chief executive

By PETER RODGERS

Top level management changes were announced yesterday at the British Steel Corporation. Lord Melchett is to give up his title of chief executive to Dr Monty Finniston, who is now deputy chairman.

Lord Melchett will remain chairman but will officially give up day to day responsibility for running the corporation so that he can concentrate on high level planning, finance and negotiations with the Government over the intensely debated future of the BSC.

Dr Finniston's appointment began last week, and was fore-shadowed in April when Lord Melchett handed over to him the day to day responsibility. He now has the title which goes with his job.

Complementing the new division of functions the BSC management as a whole is to be reorganised to make a clearer distinction between the



Dr Monty Finniston

policy making function of the board and the day to day responsibilities of top executives. Lord Melchett as chairman will have a corporate office including a range of strategy, planning and finance units to advise him on high level policies. Dr Finniston will have a head office "operating organisation" which will help him control the six BSC product divisions. Dr Finniston is not getting a higher salary for his promotion.

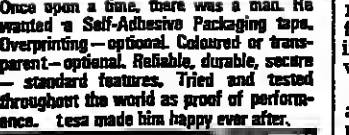
Two board members, Mr Ron Smith and Lord Layton, are to give up their managing directorships but will stay on the main policy board. Mr Smith is concerned with labour relations, and Lord Layton with commercial policy. They had these board responsibilities before.

Mr Smith will be succeeded by Mr Kenneth Robinson, the former Minister of Health, who has been promoted to managing director of the personnel and social policy division. One of the most interesting appointments is Lord Layton's successor, as commercial managing director, Mr G. Waterstone. He has been a director only since last February, and arrived at the BSC after a year at the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and 11 years in the Diplomatic Service.

The BSC has still not succeeded in finding a member for finance after several months trying to fill the key job vacated by Mr Wilfred Moten. There are also two finance chief vacancies on both the operating and policy side of the BSC.

Mr R. Scholey has also been promoted to managing director of BSC operations. Some of the changes are immediate, while others start next April.

The British Steel Corporation does not expect to raise its prices before next April at the earliest, mainly because of depressed prices everywhere in the world steel industry. This happily also coincides with the CBI price freeze.



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## Jobs outlook still bleak—CBI survey

By VICTOR KEEGAN, Industrial Correspondent

The latest industrial trends survey of the Confederation of British Industry published this morning points to a revival of activity in the economy within six months but a continued deterioration in employment prospects.

There has been a sharp upturn in business confidence since the last survey in June which was one of the most depressing ever taken by the CBI. Manufacturing industry is expecting an improvement in orders in the coming months with prices increasing less fast. Export prospects have improved and industry is planning to invest more—though investment next year is still expected to be below the level of this year.

Leaders of the CBI expect the new expansion to be reflected in official figures within the next six months. However, they are still worried about the bleak prospects for unemployment and are planning to meet Mr John Davies, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Robert Carr, Secretary for Employment, within the next few weeks to discuss remedial action. The CBI is particularly concerned to help the regions and may suggest increased public works and the possibility of tax holidays for companies.

Firms participating in the survey account for about three million people and 45 per cent of the country's manufactured exports.

The latest survey makes particularly interesting reading in the light of the price-freeze signed by the CBI's top 200 companies. Although interpretation is clouded by the fact that the response rate to the initiative was much higher than for the survey it is clear that larger companies (over 5,000 employees) are planning less steep price increases than small ones.

In part this may simply indicate the difficulty of the depressed capital goods industries in raising their prices, but it probably also reflects a serious commitment to observe the spirit of the CBI pledge. The industries with the biggest price increases over the next four months include agricultural machinery, motor vehicles, paper and mining contractors.

Food and drink manufacturers, often thought of as an obstacle to the success of the

## 'Help employment in selected areas'

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry are to seek an early meeting with Mr Davies, Secretary for Trade and Industry, and Mr Carr, Secretary for Employment. The CBI, he said, would be pressing the Government for action in selected areas where unemployment was high and added that if they did not make their proposals known within two or three weeks it would be too late.

The fact that the CBI is pressing for special action at a time when business confidence is returning underlines the seriousness of the unemployment situation, which is showing no signs of improving. Thirty per cent of firms which filled in the CBI questionnaire, expect to reduce their workforces in the next four months compared with only eight per cent in the previous survey. The CBI declined to state how much unemployment there would be this winter but it is fair to assume over a million.

Yesterday Mr John Davies strongly denied allegations that the Government was indifferent to unemployment. He said that massive steps had been taken to stimulate demand and special help had been given to the regions.

## Foreign buying of gilts banned

By TOM TICKELL

IN NEW MEASURES designed to prevent foreign money from pouring into Britain, the Treasury announced last night that no one from outside the sterling area would be allowed to buy more Government guaranteed stocks as from today.

Since August 31 most foreigners have been barred from purchasing gilt-edged stock with less than five years to run, but now the ban on buying gilts is complete. And the restrictions do not just cover the gilt-edged market; they also apply to certificates of deposit, and acceptances, as well as commercial bills and promissory notes if they are denominated in payable in sterling.

The only exemptions are for sums under £20,000. Foreigners who are already in the market will be free to move out of one stock and into another. But if the money gained from a sale is not transferred to a new security immediately it has to go into a separate "suspense" account on which an interest is payable.

The announcement led to a big fall in sterling, which had been moving very strongly against the dollar. It initially rose above the \$2.49 level in early trading and in spite of considerable Bank of England intervention to restrain it the pound reached \$2.4930—just before the news of the restriction came out.

But it fell 50 points—or half a cent—as the market reacted and closed round the \$2.4885 level.

The gilts market also fell on the news in after-hours trading, though it was only down by an eighth in most stocks.

Most dealers were very cautious about the effect that the new measures might have in the long term. Most agreed that the immediate impact would be to check the steady upward pressure on sterling—which at its highest rate yesterday was about 3.5 per cent above its old parity.

But some suggest that any measures to weaken sterling's appeal tend to make it more attractive in the long run, by demonstrating its strength.

## Rimmel sold to ITT in £9M snap deal

By LINDSAY VINCENT

Rimmel, probably the most successful of British cosmetic companies, is being sold to the giant International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of the US for £9.2 millions.

The whole deal has taken only 10 days to be agreed. Both ITT and Carlton Industries, the industrial arm of Sir Max Rayne, multi-millionaire interests and owner of 71 per cent of Rimmel's capital, have connections with Lazard's, the London merchant bank, and the deal was conceived without knowledge of Rimmel's executive directors.

Carlton, 79 per cent-owned by Sir Max Rayne's master company, London and Merchant Securities, is receiving 147.5p cash for each Rimmel share and the same terms have been extended to Rimmel's other shareholders.

The Rimmel board, advised by J. Henry Schroder Wagg, is accepting in respect of its 4 per cent holding as the door is effectively locked to any prospective counter-bidder.

ITT presently has no interest in the cosmetic business but it is not short of activities unrelated to its traditional business. It ranks as the biggest conglomerate in the world, with its 1970 sales income of \$6,364.5 millions derived from such diverse areas as insurance, hotels, food—and telecommunications. Standard Telephone and Cable represents its biggest investment in Britain where its lesser interests include Avis, the car hire firm.

Lazard's suggests that Rimmel's business (about 30 per cent of sales are exported while the rest is sold in the UK) is a good fit with ITT's greatly expanded through ITT's international network. While this doubtless will be the case some day, no plans have yet been made.

Rimmel's managing director, Mrs E. R. Glazer, said yesterday: "ITT have assured us that they were buying us for our management. We don't know what plans they have for us."

whole thing happened all so suddenly. It's nothing we sought or planned," she added.

A statement from Rimmel says the offer is "welcomed" and on the question of price, it would be difficult to disagree. The price of 147.5p, easily topping the highest price reached by Rimmel since listing in 1968, represents a generous exit price—earnings multiple of 25.8; it also compares with net assets of only 30p a share.

Price seems to be Carlton's main reason for selling and while it is difficult to reach a substantial capital profit, Rimmel came into the group in 1968 following a complicated share deal and under Carlton's ownership, profits have more than doubled.

The deal has important implications for Carlton and it will only be a matter of time before the group reinvests the cash in either its existing interests or diversifies further.

The sale will yield around £8.6 millions, which, together with the £5 millions-plus received from last year's sale of the Santitas toiletry companies to LRC International, puts the company in an extremely strong liquid position.

Carlton will have to pay capital gains tax on the deal, however, as ITT stock is being placed in order to raise the cash. Carlton could have taken the ITT paper direct, but this would have meant a dollar premium liability.

The transaction represents the second major deal in the cosmetics industry in the past 12 months—the first being Smith and Nephew's acquisition of control of the struggling Gala group.

Easily the biggest company in the field is British American Tobacco, which acquired Yardleys and Lenthéric some years ago as part of its diversification away from tobacco, but so far its success has been limited.

## British Nuclear float next year?

By our Technology Correspondent

Reports on what may be of next year's biggest market flotation have already been completed. Cooper Brothers is expected to complete its study of British Nuclear Fuels in the next few weeks ready to send to merchant banker Schroder Wagg, who will have the job of evaluating the market prospects for the £1,000 million company. A decision is likely early next year.

British Nuclear Fuels hived off from the Atomic Energy Authority last April. AEA now owns all the shares but up to 49 per cent may be offered to the public in a flotation which could be as big as the Rolls-Royce Motors flotation.

BNF's trading surplus of millions suggests a fairly high price.

The Radiochemical Centre, may also make an interesting although smaller market. Separated from the AEA in the same way as BNF, the centre had a smaller turnover of £4.8 millions last year showed a trading surplus of £800,000.

The report by Cooper Brothers on the centre sent to Rothschild several weeks ago and a decision whether to float it—and if so when—is expected within a few days. Like Schroder Wagg, is advising the AEA on the City prospects.

At yesterday's press conference following release of AEA annual report, Dr N. Franklin, a board member, said: "We are looking at the possibility of a joint British, French, West German company, likely to be set up in the next couple of months to market the fuel reprocessing services of the three countries."

## New BSA rescue plan

Details of a scheme designed to rescue Birmingham Small Arms, the crisis ridden engineering and motor cycle manufacturing group, are expected later this week, perhaps even today, sources close to the company confirmed yesterday.

The scheme is being worked out by the company's bankers, including Barclays, Lazard's in Britain and Citicorp, Manhattan, Maryland, and United California Bank, America. Under the scheme the banks would agree to guarantee the companies' debt up to a specified figure—millions has been mentioned—secured by a fixed charge on the firm's assets.

Attempts to organise capital reconstruction at BSA have been going on since August after it became clear that Mr Daniel Macdonald's CSE Enterprises would not be able to finance a bid for the company.

The fact that an announcement is imminent suggests that the broad details at least have been agreed, but it appears that the banks themselves have to put their names to the documents.

A further complication is the attitude of the company's shareholders, in particular the holders of the £680,000 nominal preference shares. Control of the company is in the hands of lending institutions, who are therefore able to influence strongly the ultimate agreement.

Following a report by accountants Cooper Brothers, BSA estimated two months ago that it would lose £3 million in the year to July 1971, and that there would be further exceptional write-offs of around £1 million as a result of a reorganisation of the motor cycle division. Unofficial reports have suggested that the firm badly needs between £5 million and £10 million additional liquidity.

## Davidson & Co. reports sharp loss

Davidson and Co, manufacturer of engineering equipment, reports sharply increased losses for the six months to the end of June. Losses have risen from £11,000 to £226,000 since the first half of last year. Once again no interim dividend is being paid.

The company says that its results were affected by the rest in Northern Ireland and a substantial rise in volume on partly completed contracts on which no profits were taken. The company is now thinking of changing its accounting method and show profits on the basis of output and not on the basis of completed contracts. It also says that if the economic situation in the UK and in Northern Ireland does not worsen, profits should improve.

## Brown Brothers

Merger talks between Brown Brothers Albany and Standard Tyre have ended.

A terse announcement from Standard, the smaller partner in the proposed tie-up said directors had been "unable to agree terms."

BBA, which earlier this year failed to defeat Greaves Universal in a struggle for J. F. Stone and Lighting, later confirmed that talks had been discontinued.

The company also made a buoyant profit forecast for 1971—not less than "£2.35 millions before tax and loan stock interest."

## Savoy decline

Profits of the Savoy fell 25 per cent to £315,000 for the six months ended June.

The board reports that the results were affected adversely by higher interest charges because of the rebuilding of the Berkeley Hotel and the postal strike which affected profits of the Savoy itself.

Results from the Connaught, Claridge's, and Simpson's-in-the-Strand were all excellent.

## Lothian Trust

In our City comment on discount houses yesterday we wrongly stated that Sterling Guarantee had acquired control of the Lothian Investment Trust. It is Standard Guarantee which has gained control, and we apologise for the mistake.

## Further Lonrho charges?

WARRANTS are being prepared for arrest of several directors of Lonrho in addition to three directors and one former director who have appeared in court in the past 10 days, police sources said yesterday.

The four arrested so far have been charged with unspecified fraud and offences under the Companies Act.

Police sources said action will not be taken against members of Lonrho's London board until those against whom charges have been prepared come to South Africa.

Lonrho and its Johannesburg attorneys maintain that the charges are malicious, largely concocted technicalities and have been laid on information supplied by a dealer for a small Johannesburg stockbroking firm.

## The pound

Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates
£/\$ 2.4885	2.4930
£/fr 136.50	136.50
£/DM 3.42	3.42
£/Sfr 2.00	2.00
£/Yen 160.00	160.00
£/Scd 1.48	1.48
£/Aust 13.75	13.75
£/Mex 16.50	16.50
£/Ind 15.00	15.00
£/Nep 15.00	15.00
£/Pak 15.00	15.00
£/Bang 15.00	15.00
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## CITY COMMENT

### GROWTH FUND

### News of old friends

FOUR OLD members of the Growth Fund portfolio weight in with mixed news yesterday—three bullish, one bearish. Dreamland was the disappointment with a first half loss of £23,000 before tax against a profit for the comparable period last year of £62,000.

However this is not as bad as at first it looks. It has been largely a matter of retailers de-stocking rather than any fall in consumer sales: the situation was aggravated by previous over-stocking on purchase cut losses. Moreover some £40,000 of the turnaround was in the repress hit hard.

The board says that these factors have now been resolved in a manner beneficial to the group and "the traditional upsurge in sales is occurring." In a gesture of confidence the board is holding the interim at 10 per cent. Disappointing, after the upturn which the previous year's results had shown, but the current 31p shares remain a firm hold situation, if only for the 9.7 per cent yield.

Office and Electronic Machine's interim shows profits moving in the right direction with a 23 per cent lift to £138,000 at the net level, the interim payment is raised by a fifth to 73 per cent, and the board promises a total of 20 per cent for the year.

Steinberg and Sons, too, paints a cheerful picture, with the chairman telling shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that we are looking forward to even better results in the current year. Our profits will be bigger."

Finally W. Wood and Son, has at last arranged the deal we predicted with Associated Development Holdings. Wood is to take over ADH's luggage interests, which are marketed under the brand names "Airport Luggage" and "Lomond Luggage," for £400,000 to be satisfied by the issue of 1,095,238 ordinary shares.

These interests have assets certified to be not less than £400,000 and profits certified at £85,000 pre-tax. So the deal has been done on a price earnings ratio of under 84, which must be good for Wood.

But is it not really being left to trading to show through, for Barrow Hepburn and Gale

have popped in with a cheery little bid of 55p a share, which leaves the directors over a barrel?

BHG reasons that having placed a value of 42p a share on its own shares in the deal with ADH the directors of Wood can hardly turn down 55p a share as unreasonable. This bid is conditional on the deal with ADH not going ahead. Either way shareholders of Wood are sitting pretty.

### HOME LOANS

### Home loan rate cut?

A HALF point cut in the building societies lending rate—from 8½ to 8 per cent—seems inevitable after tomorrow's meeting of the council of the Building Societies' Association, according to senior people in the movement.

They also see the 5 per cent tax paid rate that the societies pay to investors falling by a ½ per cent. There are a few who suggest that with decimals the societies might move the rate in terms of tenths—with perhaps a reduction of the lending rate by 3/10 of a per cent, but they are very much in a minority.

What is agreed is that both rates will definitely move downwards. The present 8½ per cent charge on borrowers was introduced two and a half years ago when Bank rate was at 8 per cent. Now that it is down to 5 per cent, leading people in the movement suggest a full point cut in the lending rate, if only because public pressure or a reduction is so strong, will be necessary. Certainly there are worries about what bank competition may mean in terms of deposits, but that is some way in the future. For the moment the money continues to roll in—and one big group indicated yesterday that its September figures were the best ever recorded.

What will the effects of a cut in rates be? Senior officials see the move as making life very much more difficult for the smaller societies—which cannot get the economies of scale. A ½ per cent cut in the lending rate and the ½ per cent fall in the borrowing rate, would give building societies less leeway. They operate on the difference between their lending rate—and the rate they pay to investors after it has been "grossed up" to allow for tax at the com-

posite rate, which allows them earned income relief.

The probable movement between the two rates will itself be anxious to dispel any administrative expenses and tax, before any profit emerges—will fall. And several middle range societies will feel the pinch.

### H. P. BULMER

### Other side of the apple

WHILE THE tussle between the hulls and hearts of H. P. Bulmer rages in the City, the company itself is anxious to dispel any doubts on its liquidity position. Our publicity on Tustain and L'Estrange's self circular has, it seems, worried suppliers and creditors, and we are happy to put the situation right.

Bulmer is confident it is facing no liquidity strain whatsoever.

Its relatively high rate of capital expenditure is being met to a substantial extent by selling off properties, and no increase in borrowings is foreseen, nor is there any intention of considering a funding operation.

As to the question of whether the price of Bulmer's is too high, the company has called in its broker, Cazenove and Co., and it is preparing a report under Cazenove's name countering the adverse comments.

A bullish circular can be expected soon but nevertheless Bulmer admits that a couple of months this summer mean that profit may be running slightly below its own earlier hopes.

Still, Bulmer is able to even things up a little by picking plenty of holes in Tustain's circular too, apart from the liquidity question. It is incorrect to say that 60 per cent of Bulmer's profit comes from cider. This percentage includes profit derived from pectin.

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### MYSON

### Searching in vain

SHAREHOLDERS in the Myson Group will search the annual report in vain for any details of the contribution made by the newly acquired Hull Steel Radiators (Hullrad) to group profits.

The report makes it clear that the boom in demand for Hullrad's products was the reason why the prospectus forecast of pre-tax profits of £670,000 was comfortably exceeded. But the company's proportion of the actual profits figure of £897,000 turned in by the new subsidiary is matter for the board's concern alone.

Guests can however be made. Mr Wilfred Airey, Hullrad's managing director, joined the company with a ten-year service agreement which gave him a basic salary of £10,000 a year plus 1 per cent of Hullrad's pre-tax profits. From the annual report, he appears to be now earning the £17,500-£20,000 a year range.

This both suggests that Hullrad produced profits of more than £750,000 and that there was a serious decline in profitability of Myson's original interests.

The one flaw in the calculation pointed out by the company is that the figures for directors' earnings include pension and life assurance benefits.

The Myson board has good reason for secrecy. Hullrad is a successful operator in an intensely competitive industry and wants to give its rivals as little information as possible.

But investors need some assurance that the success of Hullrad is not obscuring weaknesses in the group's remaining interests.

The report also reveals one more disturbing piece of information. Mr Airey, who joined the Myson board following the takeover, resigned after only eight months in September. This will, says the report, enable him to devote most of this time to Myton heating products.

It seems, however, a curious situation when the man responsible for generating the bulk of group profits is not present at board meetings. Surely, he has something to contribute? Shareholders should press for a fuller explanation at the annual meeting.

## STEINBERG & SONS

(London & South Wales) Ltd

### RECORD PROFIT ACHIEVED



## A black and white photograph showing a building under construction. The structure is almost entirely obscured by a dense network of scaffolding and wooden formwork. At the top of the frame, a rectangular sign with a decorative border contains the Arabic text "هكذا من الجهل" (Thus from ignorance). The image is high-contrast, with deep shadows and bright highlights on the scaffolding.

# Freemans beats strike

## in brief

The company blames the setback on lower turnover resulting from a reduced level of industrial investment. But the board is trying to keep margins firm by applying stricter cost control methods.

It is also making efforts to obtain overseas orders through visits of sales engineers and participation in machine tool exhibitions. It also hopes that the deflationary policy started by the Government will bring a better trend to the home market.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to the end of August were \$80,000, compared with \$1,283,000 the previous year. Group sales for the period, however, fell by \$440,000 to \$37,477,000. The comparative figures have been adjusted to take into account the loss from the Meridian Group, which was acquired in October, 1970.

The interim dividend has been raised from 5 per cent to 7 per cent. The directors report that trading conditions have improved and half of the year so far have remained "buoyant."

UBM's share price fell 1p to 127½ yesterday in France and 1½p in London, following its offer for Rycofco, whose share price rose 15½p to 103½p.

The directors of Rycofco, who will meet on September 15, expect a 40-45 per cent of the com-

The graceful lines of P & O's new 15,000-ton cruise liner Spirit of London, taking shape at the Genoa yard of Cantieri Navali del Tirreno e Reunited. One to be delivered next summer, Spirit of London will be based on the West Coast of North America.

# BP sales oust Shell

For the first time, **BP** Petroleum has ousted **Shell** Transport and Trading as Britain's largest company with total sales in 1970 of £2,611 millions. BP profit soared to £21.4 millions (£21.4 per cent) compared with a growth of 3 per cent in Shell's profit.

These facts appear in year's "Times 1000" edited by Margaret Allen and published yesterday.

According to the latest paoy accounts received, over of the 1,000 leading trial companies in the amounted to £63,217 m. The top 50 accounted for half of this figure with sales of more than £590 m each.

Compared with last year's list, the biggest jump in rating was made by Grand Metropolitan, which has moved from 10th place on the list to 51st.

Eskimo  
Power  
oil threat

**BLACK POWER**, **Women's**, **Gay**, **Lib.** and **Indian rights** movements followed one another in a rapid succession. **Eskimo Power** is the newest movement seeking redress against American society.

Arctic Oil may not, all, go to the giant firms won their rights in a Government-organised action years ago. That is, if Alaskans have their way.

Association has filed a suit in a US District Court against the Secretary of the Interior. They are alleging that the action violated the Alaska Statehood Act and the requirement of due process of law.

They claim that the leases, sales, and other rights granted by the Government are invalid because the lands in question were never vacant or unappropriated.

## Points from reports

**Incheape and Co.:** Chair says that latest information indicates that group's pre-tax profit and earnings per ordinary share for year 1971-72 should show even more satisfactory increase on the 1970-71 results. They benefit materially from inclusion of a full year's pro-

**Telefnoo** : Chairman, refer to future, says that much capital and effort has been expended in order to prepare for the growth of both Wheelock Marden and (Malaysia) and Bewac M Corporation.

now reaping the benefit of the decisions which ensure a continuing increase in profits

The chairman of MFI Wholesale, Mr A. C. Southon, says his annual statement that current year has started well.

**Myson Group:** Chairman in annual statement says that res already achieved this year the current excellent order be confirm his confidence in the tinued growth of the company

In his annual review the managing director of Howard Wyndham says that the company is eliminating those activities which have not been able to satisfy profits. He also states that a number of preliminary

cussions regarding appropriate acquisitions had already take

**Peerless Built-in Furniture:** In his annual statement the chairman says the first half has been badly affected by the postal strike. He hopes that the measures taken to stimulate the economy will enable them to recoup what has been lost.

## Bids and deals

Hecnan Beddow has extended its bid for Reeves and Sons to October 15. The cash offer has closed. Hecnan Beddow's bid for

Conway Stewart is now unconditional. Heenan Beddow no control over 90 pc of Conway Stewart's capital.

### Final results

D. F. Bevan (Holdings): Pre-tax profit £64,464 (£196,831) after tax charge of £24,890 (£90,425). No final dividend, so total for year 20 pc (against 50 pc). The chairman says trading conditions continue to be difficult.

### Interim results

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Midland Electric: Interim 4 p for half year to end of Jun (31 pc). Pre-tax profit rose from £319,000 to £410,000. The chair

many says that profitability is being maintained and should

**Advance Laundries** (a subsidiary of BET): 4 pc (same). Pre-tax profit \$705,077 (\$860,426), tax \$288,721 (\$278,867).

Warne, Wright and Rowland  
10 pc (equivalent 6½ pc). Pre-tax profit £240,175 (£216,750), tax £96,070 (£97,750).

**Royal Sovereign Pencil: 5 p**  
(same). Profit £151,309 (£137,813  
before tax of £37,760 (£29,335)).  
**Davidson and Co, manufacture**

of engineering equipment, repair losses of £226,000 (£11,000) for the six months to end June. No interim dividend is being paid (nil).

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**LAST PRICE PRICES**

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THE SUEZ Canal is dead. Long live the Suez pipeline. It may be pessimistic to write off the Canal as a permanent anti-tank ditch. But as work on the 340-kilometre Suez Mediterranean oil pipeline at last gets under way, it is likely that the fabled waterway's importance will never be quite the same again.

Within three years and after the expenditure of some \$300 millions it should be possible for 120 million tons a year of Middle East oil to be sent to Europe — assuming the demand is still there.

That will be about 70 per cent of the amount which passed through the Suez Canal in 1966, the last full year before the closure, and more than a third of Western Europe's present consumption of Middle East crude oil.

The gross revenue to Egypt should be in the region of \$180 millions a year, compared with the canal receipts running at about \$100 millions a year before the June war.

Compared with high dams and broad canals, pipelines are singularly unromantic. Christen them with such technocratic jargon as SUMED (Suez-Mediterranean) and they become unspeakable.

But, as the figures show, this is a massive project. In terms of investment it is not so very far short of the Suez Canal — it could be as important for Egypt, and far more so for the rest of the world. Its political implications are intriguing.

Although the project is effectively a child of the Canal closure, the idea was first put to the Egyptian Government before the June war by a British firm of consultants, International Management and Engineering Group (IMEG).

It estimated that a pipeline from the Gulf of Suez to the Mediterranean with a terminal taking tankers up to 250,000 tons would be competitive both with the Canal itself and with giant tankers going round the Cape, especially for feeding markets in the Mediterranean.

Correct though those figures

# Now Egypt's pipe calls the tune

PHILLIP BOWRIN reports on a \$300 millions spin-off of the Suez Canal closure

may have been, it is doubtful whether anything would have resulted if the Canal had remained in service. The Canal authority naturally disliked the idea which would have jeopardised its grandiose plans for widening and deepening the Canal to take tankers up to 250,000 tons.

And as the advantages for Europe would have been small, it is unlikely that European finance would have been available. Even since the Canal closure and the very steep rise in tanker rates finance has proved SUMED's main problem.

## Put to tender

After the 1967 war the Egyptians took up the idea very quickly. IMEG did detailed design studies, the work was put up to international tender and by July 1969, a construction agreement had been signed with a consortium led by the French SOCEA group (Société Eau et Travaux de Construction).

The first stage was scheduled to be in operation by mid-1971. But negotiations with European banks and governments which were to provide finance and credit backing dragged on and on, partly because they made the supply of finance conditional on Egypt first obtaining some Arab backing.

Though the French promised 25 per cent of the foreign

exchange cost (itself four fifths of the total) and the Italians a further large amount, the political uncertainties did not appeal to the oil companies and Egypt found that a history of nationalisation and confiscation was a weighty liability when dealing with lenders.

It was not until the end of last year that things began to go Egypt's way. The major oil companies, seeing tanker costs rising alarmingly (construction costs as much as charter rates) agreed to take throughput; the continuing ceasefire gave more confidence; political rapprochement with Saudi Arabia brought their financial support.

Then early this year the British Government, by leaning heavily on ECED, effectively backed British participation to the tune of some £12 millions. Though this was not a large sum compared to other Western countries, it came at a critical moment and persuaded others to make tentative offers into firm ones.

As the potential of the pipeline became more evident so the Egyptians realised that they could sell far more throughput than one 42 inch line would give. So they asked for either a 46 inch or a second 42 inch line. This meant that a completely new contract had to be reached with the consortium.

This was a very protracted and complicated procedure which none of the parties

involved are likely to want to go through again.

Basically the consortium consisted of about a dozen of the major contractors from several countries led by M Cancelloni of the French firm of Batignolles. His job was to negotiate a price not only with the Egyptian Government but also to get the member firms' agreement to prices for their individual contributions to the project.

And as full use had to be made of all available credits from the different countries, it was necessary to bring in this or that subcontractor from Spain or Greece or wherever to spend however much his government was offering.

## Back-door talks

In addition to all this the Egyptians, led by the Minister of State for Petroleum, Ali Wali, appeared to carry on back-door negotiations with some of the participating companies which resulted in several million pounds being lopped off the total price finally agreed.

One near casualty of all this wrangling was Britain's main participant, John Brown, which left the negotiations shortly before the final agreement threatening to sue other members. They are now back in the consortium to lay a third of the pipe.

On July 31 the members of



The days of the Suez Canal as a major waterway seem to have passed for ever

the consortium put their names to an agreement with the Egyptian Government to build two 42 inch lines at a cost of \$280 millions. It does not, however, come into force till the end of October.

Oil should be flowing at a rate of 80 million tons a year within 32 months; this will be raised to 120 million tons once a second pump station is in operation.

If all goes well the project looks a fairly sure financial success. Throughput contracts agreed so far are understood to have put transit charges at not less than \$1.40. Most of the capacity of the second line is not yet sold but the Egyptians are probably holding back in hope of better prices.

With operating costs probably not more than \$15 millions a year it could pay for itself in three years working at full capacity.

The key to the pipeline is political rather than financial. It obviously makes economic sense. But bow then, it is asked, can one justify a pipeline in the heart of the Middle East conflict area, as simple an Israeli reprisal target as can be imagined?

In fact, the line will keep well clear of the Canal. Start-

ing at Ain Sokhna some 40 kilometres to the south of Suez it will go almost due east and cross the Nile well south of Cairo before turning north to its terminal near Alexandria.

From the point of view of Western Europe the pipeline is both opportunity and risk. There is the chance of reducing some of the huge cost of the canal closure. According to recent estimates at current prices SUMED would show a 49 per cent advantage in freight costs for oil delivered in the Mediterranean and 33 per cent with an oil tanker.

With a SUMED transit charge of \$1.40 per ton tanker rates would have to fall to World-scale 40 for the Cape route to be cheaper.

SUMED would also make Europe again more dependent on Middle East stability. The Cape route may be long, but at least there are few obstacles. European supplies are now more diversified than in 1956 or '67 but the loss of say 15 per cent of supplies would be an embarrassment.

In many ways though the line could add to Middle East political stability. It will give Egypt a significant voice and share in the oil politics of the region. This could increase

Egypt's influence as a steady force and by virtue of its profitability make Egypt think more than twice before putting it at risk.

But other Arab states are not likely to welcome what will amount to an increase in Egyptian influence and some will doubtless feel nervous that a part of their product might at some time be subject to the threat of Egyptian sanction.

Saudi Arabia, for example, is now providing financial backing for the pipe but it was noticeably slow in coming forward with an offer.

The biggest political dividend for Egypt is likely to be in its relations with Western Europe. The pipeline has provided the ideal chance to get Western participation in a major project and ease the country away from oppressively close economic ties with the East.

Political and military considerations apart, the pipeline should have a long and profitable life. Though the cost that it will inspire in eight years, rival means of oil transport are unlikely to overtake it for some time to come.

Millions of tankers, if ever happen, may reduce shipping costs via the Cape, there are precious few built in Europe which will be to offset to smaller vessels which case it would prove to be more economic to use tankers from the Suez, and then load smaller vessels at Alexandria.

Though the SUMED term will initially only take 25 tonners, there is virtually no limit to the size of tankers which could be made to handle for the Suez Canal, even if required to make it take 25 tonners, let alone 25 tonners, is colossal.

All of which suggests SUMED could turn out an even bigger project than the \$300 millions already gained for. At \$500 million it would be a worthy rival to the Canal, though it is Aida.

## Eurobond data bank set up

A new computer-operated information system on Eurobonds was launched yesterday by International Telecommunications and Telephone. The system consists of a data bank which stores information that can be retrieved by clients using outside terminals.

The service completes an existing facility on fixed interest issues and equities. The data library will include essential information on each issue such as names of underwriters, redemption yields and company activities.

The bonds will be grouped by sections for comparative purposes.

As there is the first setup of this kind there will probably be initial teething troubles. One of the most important ones, for example, will be to determine the importance of the necessary information that is to be stored: what is crucial for some clients could be irrelevant to others.

Another problem will be to get regular prices in order to calculate yields. The prices are fixed by individual dealers and can sometimes vary.

## Oil company tax payments jump

Payments to governments on eastern hemisphere oil production by the seven largest oil companies rose 16 per cent last year to \$4,900 millions, while their profit rose 5.4 per cent to \$1,900 millions on the operations, First National City Bank reports.

Average earnings on the output fell to 33 cents a barrel, or less than one cent a gallon, which is less than 60 per cent of the level of 10 years earlier, the bank said. On production of 1,900 million barrels in 1969, the companies had a profit of \$1,100 millions and paid \$1,400 millions to the governments. Output reached 5,700 million barrels last year, up 14 per cent from 1969.

The results are likely to become even more adverse, the bank indicated. It estimated that new five-year tax agreements negotiated early this year will raise annual payments to these governments by the seven companies at least 2½ times by 1975, to more than \$12,000 millions.

More demands are likely to be made when the countries disclose their goals for direct ownership participation in foreign oil concessions.

Reflecting the rise in taxes, the companies' average return

in earnings on their \$16,800 millions investment in eastern hemisphere oil was 11.2 per cent last year, down from a 14.1 per cent return in 1960 on an investment of \$7,800 millions, the bank said.

The seven companies are British Petroleum, Gulf Oil, Mobil Oil, the Royal Dutch/Shell group, Standard Oil (New Jersey), Standard Oil of California and Texaco Inc.

## \$A2M writ for broker

Pine Vale Mines and Stocks and Holdings are jointly suing Sydney's largest mining broker, Patrick and Partners, for \$A2 millions.

The writ was issued in the New South Wales Supreme Court and is believed to be the largest yet issued against an Australian stockbroker.

The cause of the action has not been disclosed. It is believed to result from advice received in connection with the purchase of an interest in McDonald Industries, now in the hands of a receiver.

## BoT 'not active enough'

THE BOARD of Trade was not as active as it might have been in following up information from the British Insurance Association, the tribunal into the Vehicle and General Insurance crash was told yesterday.

The claim was made by a former chairman of the BIA, Mr Francis Sandilands.

"We thought they could have used a little more energy in trying to find out what lay behind the accounts of a number of companies we regarded as potential failures," he said.

Mr Sandilands, chairman of the BIA from 1965-7, said he believed the Board of Trade did not pay sufficient attention to information received.

He said he recollected that it was suggested to the board that action should be taken over companies' annual accounts, but this apparently was not being done.

Mr Sandilands claimed there were a number of things the board could have done, but said there was a disagreement at the time over the extent of the board's powers.

## MARKET REPORT

## Secondary issues make running with good gains

Stock markets gave another satisfactory performance yesterday. This time, however, buyers were paying particular attention to the secondary issues which had rather lagged behind the "top names" in Tuesday's smart recovery.

Leading shares were right out of the picture, as was illustrated by the "Financial Times" Industrial Ordinary Share Index which fluctuated within a range of half a point throughout the day, and eventually closed 0.5 down at 412.1.

Mr John Davies' warning about the future of UCS and the latest round of power price increases were the major restraining influences here.

Glits had another very good day with a large turnover again reported in the "shorts" and "mediums" where stocks maturing towards the end of the seventies closed with rises to 1.

Corporation issues also scored some useful gains, and after the recent success of the Birmingham loan, everything points to a good send off for the Bristol 7½ per cent stock when dealings commence this morning. A premium of about 5/16 has been suggested.

Industrial leaders were neglected and movements rarely exceeded a penny in either direction. However, Rank Organisation ran into a late bout of American selling which sliced 79p from the "A" shares at 740p. (Soros often lost a little of Tues-

day's good gains, but buildings displayed all round firmness, many of the rises stretching to 10p or so.

The prediction of a record-shattering year for the British car industry helped a number of motors as the international show season opened in Paris yesterday.

However, Standard Tyre, which had been troubled from the outset by rumours that merger talks with Brown Brothers and Albany had broken down, were looking decidedly flat by the time confirmation came around lunch-time.

The shares closed 22p down at 151½p. Brown Boes came

back to 186½p for a net gain of 8p, having been up to 182½p at one stage.

HP issues stayed firm with Macmillan Credit 16p to the good at 210p on news of a tie-up with Chrysler.

Kaffirs mostly eased, unsettled at first by reports that South African forces had pushed into Zambia. "Aussies" weakened further following poor advice from home markets.

The number of bargains marked totalled 1,628 compared with 11,208 on Tuesday and 11,877 the previous Wednesday.

## Raglan row settled

Mr Jim Rowland-Jones, chairman of Raglan Property Trust, appears to have cleared up any differences between himself and the directors of Eldridge Stableford and Edward Bates.

Although Mr Rowland-Jones is to retire from the chair of Raglan at today's annual meeting, he will remain a director. Mr Denis Barkway will be proposed as the new chairman.

Eldridge Stableford and Edward Bates recently bought a 37 per cent stake in Raglan from Alliance Property.

## Wall Street up 9 points

Share prices were strong at the close of stepped-up trading on Wall Street yesterday.

The gain followed a White House announcement that President Nixon would reveal phase two of his economic policy this evening. Market sentiment also was buoyed up by anticipation that Nixon would ask for an injunction to order striking dock workers back to work.

The Dow Jones Industrial Index was up 8.27 points at 900.41 at the final bell.

## Japan t agree of textiles

Japan yesterday made it would agree to the States demand for a mental textile pact by a 161-155 vote in the House of Representatives.

Prime Minister Eisaku said at a news conference that the pact would be a mental textile pact by a 161-155 vote in the House of Representatives.

The Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr Tanaka, told leaders of ruling Liberal Democratic that a government pact with the United States would be a mental textile pact by a 161-155 vote in the House of Representatives.

The Vice-Minister of International Trade and Industry, Yoshinori Morozumi, was expected to meet with textile leaders later in an effort to get their support to the decision.

Industry sources said, ever, the government despite the "humiliating" demand might lead to a mental textile pact by a 161-155 vote in the House of Representatives.

Political crisis.

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Profit available to Inchcape & Co. Limited	£3,476,301	£2,966,351
Dividends—Preference	£68,919	£68,919
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The following table gives a broad indication of the geographical distribution of the income attributable to Shareholders and Loan Stockholders of Inchcape & Co. Limited, after charging taxation.

	1971	1970
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Caribbean	1	1
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India and Pakistan	4	1
Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei	20	21
Middle East	18	20
Thailand	2	7
United Kingdom	16	14
	100%	100%

\*The lower contribution from Australia is largely due to a number of non-recurring factors, including an abnormally high level of taxation for the period.

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## US productivity gains tail off

AN EXAMINATION of productivity gains in the United States in the recent past shows a fairly good rate of increase. But over the past 20 years there has been a dramatic decline in the annual rate of productivity increases, and compared with those in most other major industrial countries, the US gains are poor, according to the "Wall Street Journal".

Productivity is a key determinant of the economic health of a nation. An 0.1 per cent increase in this year's rate of productivity growth would add about \$1,000 millions to the US gross national product (GNP). In the 1960-5 period of nearly inflation-free economic expansion in the US, unit labour costs rose an average of only 0.4 per cent a year. Without productivity advances, the average annual rise in labour costs would have exceeded 4 per cent.

The table below records output per man-hour in the US private non-farm economy since the start of 1970. The index is based on 1967 average productivity equalling 100.

Output per man-hour: 1st quarter, 1970 ..... 101.8 2nd quarter, 1970 ..... 102.9 3rd quarter, 1970 ..... 104.3 4th quarter, 1970 ..... 105.9 1st quarter, 1971 ..... 105.5 2nd quarter, 1971 ..... 106.5

At the start of 1970, hourly output of US workers was only 1.8 per cent higher than in 1967. But by the second quarter of this year, it was 6.5 per cent above the average 1967 level. The recent increase, most economists agree, in part reflects a return to work after last year.

But more importantly it re-

flects the fact that business generally has been recovering from a year-long recession that ended in the fourth quarter last year.

During a recession, employers reduce their work forces to levels more in line with a lower rate of operations. The trend to increase the output per man-hour of those working. When business begins to recover, productivity gains normally get exceptionally large, so the recent improvement in productivity is to be expected at this stage in the business cycle.

Unit labour costs in the US rose at an annual rate of a little more than 3 per cent in the first half of 1971, or about half the rate recorded for all of 1971. In the 1960-5 period of nearly inflation-free economic expansion in the US, unit labour costs would have risen much more sharply, since compensation per man-hour in the first half of the year rose at a 6 per cent annual rate, while the compensation rate increased only 6.8 per cent in 1970.

The increase in productivity in the US is slowing considerably. The slowing, most analysts maintain, reflects more than merely the end of the 1961-9 business expansion and the advent of the 1969-70 recession.

Mr Leon Greenberg, staff director of the national commission on productivity problems, estimates that "output per man-hour in the past four years was at least 0.5 per centage points lower" than it should have been, due simply to changes in the level of economic activity.

Many analysts say the sustained business expansion after 1960, with its declining

unemployment rates, played a part in the productivity lag after 1965. They claim that the unusually long prosperity period led to a careless, lazy attitude among employees in a wide range of businesses.

This attitude, it is argued, is continuing, in spite of the recession and the relatively high jobless rates of recent months. Many analysts believe that work, as Mr Greenberg puts it, "has become more and more of an anathema to workers."

The growing role of service businesses in the US economy also has severely affected productivity gains. It is difficult to increase productivity in such businesses, which employ 60 per cent of the US work force, up from only 45 per cent after the Second World War. Service industries ranging from retail stores to government bureaux are expected to account for 70 per cent of the work force by 1980.

In addition, the years of sharp increases in US farm productivity are apparently ended. Productivity in the farm rose at an annual rate of 3 per cent in the 1950-70 period. But the sharpest gains occurred in the earlier part of the period, and further gains in agricultural productivity will be increasingly difficult to achieve.

Between 1950 and 1970, farm employment declined to 3.5 million from 7.2 million workers, while farm income increased more than 30 per cent. Such statistics indicate only limited room for further big productivity strides in agriculture, many economists say.

The following table shows productivity in industries other than agriculture. The per-

centage for each of the de represent average annual rate of increase:

Output per man-hour increase	1960-70	1950-60
Railroads	6.0	4.2
Coal	4.7	6.8
Textiles	4.9	6.8
Glass	2.9	0.1
Steel	2.4	0.1
Aluminium	2.4	5.1
Footwear	0.0	2.1

These diverse patterns suggest the difficulty that US economists face in trying to establish an equitable arrangement for phase 2 of controls programme. It is widely believed that wages increases in phase 2 will be by formula to productivity. But it will be difficult to formulate fairly when the little or no productivity advances in such businesses as food and so much in those such as railroads.

Many economists say US productivity increases are when compared with those of other industrial lands. Following table shows productivity gains in these areas over the past five years:

Output per man-hour yearly increase	1965-70
Japan	14.2 per
Netherlands	8.5 per
Sweden	7.8 per
France	6.8 per
Germany	5.3 per
Italy	3.1 per
United Kingdom	2.6 per
United States	2.1 per

One factor blamed for the US productivity record is relatively small percentage of the US GNP that is spent on capital equipment. Such equipment and new facilities are replaced older, less efficient equipment, resulting in productivity increases. —AP-Dow Jo



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## Research and development

by Peter Rodgers, Technology Correspondent

has become a commonplace that the problem of technology is not much inventing things, but managing and selling them properly. This is thinking behind the International Institute for the Management of Technology, which after a long gestation period was scheduled to be set up last night at a signing ceremony in Paris (although the headquarters are in Milan). The IIMT, whose brainchild it is, hopes the institute will "improve open management performance in the development and use of technology within the private and public sector."

There will be three heavy cheers for good intentions manifested at such a high inter-governmental level. But the institute's initial budget of £500,000, required to be spent in about three months, the institute will not cause an overnight revolution in Europe's techniques of applying its own technology. For the moment, at least, it is only nibbling at the problems. The main function will be as a post-graduate school in modern business techniques, with emphasis on training managers, engineers, scientists, and managers in both long and short courses. The institute's research into the management of technology and related problems will, of course, be an important part of its work.

Decision to set-up the institute was a report last year by a special study group of the OECD Council, headed by Sir John Chadwick, British ambassador to the OECD. The work-party included official representatives from Austria, France, Germany, Holland, and Britain.

The idea for an institute or something like it has been around for a time. At the end of the Marshall Plan, it was suggested that a European Technological University be set up, which might help remove some of the technology gaps with America. In the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, suggested a wide technological operation in Europe at a formal meeting in 1962. A study committee set up to discuss the broad outlines of the working party began in 1964.

The institute is supported by OECD member Governments and by industry. However, it was not noticeably involved in the early stages of the project. The Governments hope to attract industrial support by example.

The institute is housed in a large 16th-century convent building in Paris, which is being restored and converted into a modern building.

re-equipped free by the Milan city council. This, together with pressure from the Italian Government, was an important influence on the OECD decision to site the institute in Italy.

### The Concorde spin-offs

THIS CONCORDE project, far from spinning off a multitude of new products into every corner of British industry, has even had some adverse effects according to a study published this week. Some of the supplier companies found their schedules disrupted as the aircraft got later and later. Their impetus diminished as deadlines extended, and relaxation of pressure led to work behaving "like an expanding jelly" - filling the time available. Delays and setbacks were often caused by specification changes and new testing procedures; but they could also provide an excuse for the changes.

Concorde contracts thus had an element of uncertainty and became difficult to phase in with other orders. In some technologies the time scale was longer than the "generation span" so that early work became obsolete. Electronics has gone through several revolutions since the first detailed Concorde designs were drawn up nine years ago.

Although many companies advertised proudly that they were Concorde suppliers, there were others who thought that this could be boomeranging. The study said: "In selling to a non-Concorde customer the claim that a new product or technique has been evolved for Concorde can produce sales resistance. Customer reaction is that, if developed for something else, the product must be second best from their point of view. Related specifically to Concorde, it may also be thought technically oversophisticated for their needs and overpriced. The companies were ceasing to make prestige references to Concorde in developing these external sales."

The study found that "spin-off" from Concorde, and from the 250 mph British Rail Advanced Passenger Train, led to comparatively few new products and techniques. Among contractors on Concorde, for instance, only 50 suppliers - 14 per cent of the total - derived new products for sale elsewhere from their contracts with the British Aircraft Corporation.

These included FIVE bearings, lightweight cables, servo-components, and lightweight gear systems, all of which were expected to have applica-

tions outside aerospace. Some contracts also produced useful spin-off for the aerospace industry - for instance weather radar for the Boeing 747. But more significant results emerged if the definition was widened to include less tangible effects. For instance, how far had companies had to introduce new methods of quality control, and how much had they been obliged to improve their management and commercial skills?

Using the wider definition, 31 per cent of companies either made new products or became able to manufacture to more stringent specifications as a result of their contracts. But in one particular area at least there was a question mark over the effect of Concorde on modernising the techniques of British suppliers. The study noted French claims that Concorde was a great stimulus to the use of highly productive numerically controlled machine tools in France.

According to a French study last year the N.C. machine tool was introduced into France "thanks to the Concorde programme." It said that "In 1962 there were no French manufacturers... Since the first orders were placed for Concorde, several French manufacturers have been producing first class machine tools of this kind and have already made and sold nearly 600."

Looking at Britain, the study found that less than 2 per cent of the contractors used N.C. equipment either for the first time or more often than before because of Concorde. Possibly Britain started from a higher base, but this could be doubted, considering the struggling state of the numerical control business here.

Looking at product spin-off alone, it seems that the main characteristics of Concorde are "the advancement of existing products or techniques to greater levels of performance, or of their applications in new contexts, rather than the *de novo* development of distinctive new products."

These effects have always proved extremely difficult to put into money terms, but the results suggest that their value could be surprisingly low. It is another confirmation of doubts about spin-off which have emerged over the last few years, especially from studies of the United States space programme. Blanket assumptions about the value of spin-off - a catch phrase often used by the state to justify projects which would not stand up to ordinary economic examination - may be dangerous.

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## Where has central heating gone wrong?

by PETER HOOPER

Y in this age of convenience is central heating not a boom industry? A quarter of the houses in this country have full central heating - a time when more leisure time is at home watching television and of going out to cinemas and theatres.

The answer is that installation is expensive. But with fuel suppliers using schemes designed to fit different budgets, the cost factor alone would not account for such a low "take penetration." Over the last few years the comfort of centrally heated homes have been promoted by intensive advertising by the major suppliers. But still the average householder in Britain is not prepared to invest about £300, less than a third of the price of a small family car, in a heating system which is going to last a long time, provide comfort during bad weather and raise the value of his house. Why the central heating industry not improving its penetration?

The main problem is that the industry consists of four sections: the suppliers, the equipment manufacturers, the merchants, and fitters. They seldom get together - there is no central body to ordinate their marketing activities. This fragmentation reflects the fact that the central heating industry is relatively new. Yet its systems and installations are becoming increasingly complex and sophisticated. So the first task must be educate the primary outlet to the customer - the installer.

The industry grew up in the days when central heating was put in by hand, as a side line and consisted of cast iron radiators and galvanneal pipe work. Even today, more than half of the heating systems in this

country are fitted by small, three-man, plumbers' firms. What is more, the bankruptcy rate among small heating installers must indicate that profit margins are so low that they often find it impossible to employ a qualified heating engineer to design their heating systems and educate the public the service and advice they are entitled to expect.

Moreover, the "hoss" usually acts as an employee and works on site himself. How, therefore, can the merchant or manufacturer contact him to discuss new equipment and educate him in the use of the latest systems?

This situation is made worse by the sheer numbers involved. It has been estimated that there are between 20,000 and 30,000 of these small plumbing-cum-heating firms in Britain today. This presents even the largest manufacturer with an almost insurmountable task when it comes to advising the installer on new equipment. The installer's lack of new product knowledge means they can hardly be expected to sell a sophisticated automatic heating system to a potential client.

The high bankruptcy rate among installers means that an increasing number of customers are left in the lurch with unfinished or malfunctioning systems and this can do the industry's reputation no good at all.

In the last few years the merchants have improved their service to the installer, not only by increasing efficiency by mergers and take-overs, but by establishing specialist firms dealing exclusively with heating equipment. The merchant does not now sell everything from timber to bathroom taps. His staff have more time to acquaint themselves with the technicalities of the reduced range and are much better equipped to pass

on information and advice to installers. This is a step towards solving the education-of-installers problem. But it is going to be enough to ensure that the trade as a co-ordinated and efficient body achieves its potential expansion? It is only when this efficiency is achieved that the industry will be able to maintain price levels low enough to attract the poorer householder.

The formation of a central co-ordinating body to represent all four sections of the industry and co-ordinate promotional activity could well be the answer. A heating industry council should be set up, perhaps with government help, with equal representation from fuel industries, manufacturers, and merchants. The aim of the council would be to safeguard customers from investing in faulty installations.

The first step should be to register all qualified installers that are on a sound financial footing. A programme of educating registered installers on new methods and systems could then be launched before encouraging the public to accept only council registered installers. The public could be sure that the installers they bought were modern and efficient, and that they had a guarantee that if an installer went out of business before a contract was fulfilled, the unfinished work would be completed at no extra cost.

Householders are becoming increasingly aware of modern developments and, naturally enough, are demanding better standards. Manufacturers will go on developing more sophisticated equipment. But unless this equipment can be installed properly by experts in well-designed layouts, the problems and troubles of the central heating industry must inevitably get worse.

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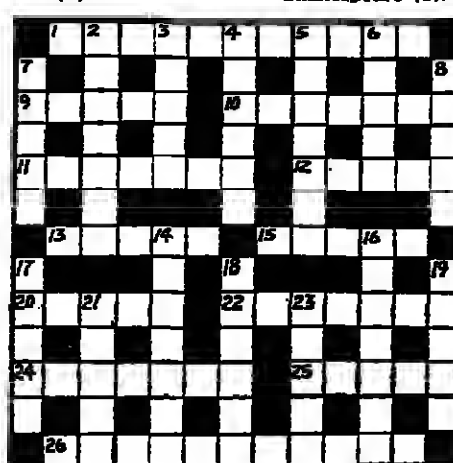
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  - Cheque (7).
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